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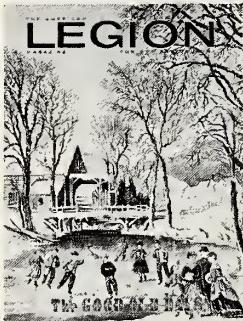
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The Commander's Message

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LAST August Alan K. Campbell, newly appointed Chairman of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, told the American Legion Convention that he planned to modify veterans' preference in federal employment. Veterans' preference as it now exists, he claimed, works against women and minorities. Now we are told the administration will soon introduce legislation to amend the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944.

What is the American Legion position?

We provided Dr. Campbell a forum because we have a basic interest in the Veterans' Preference Act. The American Legion helped draft the law. The GI Bill and the Veterans' Preference Act were conceived and lobbied for by World War I veterans in The American Legion, very few of whom would ever benefit from its provisions. They did it for the new veterans.

The Veterans' Preference Act is not a guarantee of a government job. Neither is it a vested right to a government job for life. It is a uniform system for assisting veterans in obtaining and retaining a federal job for which they are qualified. Basically, all persons with honorable discharges who served in the armed forces during defined periods of conflict have five points added to their competitive test or ratings score. In today's job market the government is selecting from those who score in the top 5 per cent of such tests, a grade of around 96—before adding points for preference.

Disabled veterans, including those who received Purple Hearts, and spouses, widows or mothers who meet certain requirements, have 10 points added to their scores. An agency may pass over an applicant with veterans' preference eligibility and select a non-veteran only with Civil Service Commission permission.

To help veterans keep their jobs, the Act provides that veterans with a satisfactory or better performance rating cannot be separated until non-preference employees have been displaced or separated. Most federal employees who are also military retirees, though eligible for veterans' preference in examinations and appointments, do not have this retention preference.

Such Veterans' Preference Act benefits as the right to appeal personnel actions and credit for military experience are no longer exclusive to veterans.

Despite implications that veterans' preference applies to federal promotions, this is completely untrue.

Dr. Campbell says 50 per cent of the federal work force are veterans, compared to a national work force that is 22 or 25 per cent veteran. However, to reach these percentages, Dr. Campbell lumped everyone over 16 years of age and not institutionalized, including the

armed forces, in his national work force. Using the same Department of Labor statistics, we find that veterans constitute 50 per cent of the full-time employed national work force, a more realistic comparison.

Six per cent of federal employees with veterans' preference are women, either with veterans' status for themselves or as "veterans" preference eligibles."

Retention rights provided veterans are not a job guarantee; in 1976 veterans accounted for 46 per cent of all federal reductions.

Attacks on veterans' preference are not confined to the federal system. The Supreme Court recently referred back to a lower court a decision that the veterans' preference law in Massachusetts was unconstitutional. Nearly all of the 50 states, and many counties and communities, have some form of veterans' preference, affecting some 12 million jobs.

It is ironic that the Carter Administration is threatening veterans' preference while at the same time calling on the American Legion to promote the President's job program for Vietnam and disabled veterans.

Dr. Campbell says veterans' preference discriminates against women, but he admits he has no basis for predicting that its elimination will increase women's jobs or promotions. He also concedes that it is not certain to increase the hiring of minorities, who incidentally make up a significant part of the veteran population employed by the government.

Dr. Campbell wants to shorten the time in which preference can be used and limit it to one job. Most veterans have used it that way. But veterans' preference should be there whenever the veteran needs it.

From the Roman legionnaire settling down on his allotment of land, to the last frail veteran of the Civil War, civilized nations have recognized that a veteran remains a veteran until death and have honored him.

The policy of the American Legion has been:

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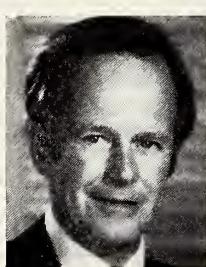
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The motor car has come under considerable fire in recent years, for a variety of social reasons. Its survival has been rumored to be in jeopardy. Problems of air pollution, urban congestion, highway safety and—most recently—energy consumption, have made the private automobile a public issue. Of all the forces acting against it, declining world petroleum supplies represent the most serious depressant.

Yet I am confident that if we act intelligently—if we make the proper, although sometimes difficult personal and governmental decisions—we can not only prevent the car from becoming an endangered species, but make it safer and a better transportation value.

The motor car is a transportation staple for 130 million Americans. It is the preferred means of intercity, commuter and leisure travel, accounting for 91 per cent of all personal transportation. We spend more of our family income for transportation than for food.

Fourteen million jobs throughout the country—one in six—are motor vehicle related. Highway and freight transportation expenditures comprise 18 per cent of our gross national product. Motor vehicle user taxes produce more than \$20 billion.

Clearly, much of our national life revolves around the automobile and our superb system of streets and highways. We cannot imagine ourselves without the motor car, or conceive of a future where we would be denied its advantages.

But we can no longer take the automobile for granted. To protect the mobility it affords us, we must transform the car and reform the ways we use it.

Transportation accounts for 53 per cent of U.S. petroleum consumption. Three-fourths of that is used by highway vehicles. Despite the growing numbers of smaller cars and the gradual influx of the more fuel-efficient models, U.S. gasoline consumption is increasing. Sales rose nearly 5 per cent in 1976 and nearly 3 per cent in 1977.

While the forecasts on the world's remaining petroleum resources may vary, there is general agreement on three points: domestic production has been receding and is continuing to decline; oil is a finite resource and ultimately will be exhausted; and, as supplies diminish and recovery becomes more difficult, prices on the world market will almost certainly go higher.

President Carter's energy plan proposes to reduce our dependence on foreign oil through conservation and a shift from oil to coal, while stepping up domestic production and increasing the country's efforts to develop alternative fuel sources.

We are literally driving ourselves to depletion. It is probably fair to say that we waste half the fuel we put into our cars and trucks.

Energy consumption per capita in the United States is twice that of other nations with similar standards of living, and while other countries have reduced their imports we now buy twice as much oil as we did four years ago—at five times the price. Wastefully expending resources that cannot be replenished is not only foolish, but extravagant.

The United States has more coal than Saudi Arabia has oil, but we cannot burn coal in our cars and trucks. Our plants and factories,

however, can switch. By encouraging industries to convert from oil to coal, President Carter will make more petroleum available for highway users. By producing and driving more fuel efficient cars, by using public transit instead of driving to work, and by developing conscientious driving habits we can stretch available oil supplies, without losing the freedom the car affords.

The efforts by this and recent Administrations to assist public transit should not be viewed as an assault on the automobile. Transit, even at full capacity, could never carry the total commuter traffic. Major urban public transportation systems in use and planned could accommodate only 15 to 20 per cent of commuter demand.

But nearly 90 per cent of the nation's commuters now take private cars or trucks to work, usually alone. Only a little over 10 per cent use public transit. More petroleum is used for local automobile travel than for intercity highway travel. One of my transportation policy objectives is to restructure federal grant programs so that urban areas can develop alternatives to the automobile. In my opinion, we would be wise to curtail the use of the private motor vehicle where it is least efficient to preserve its utility where it is most efficient—on the open road. In coming legislative proposals, we will ask Congress to approve greater incentives for urban public transit.

Also, the Department of Transportation's "double up" car pooling campaign is aimed at the 50 million automobiles used for commuting each day, 75 per cent of which carry only one person. Simply raising the occupancy rate to two persons per car would save 500,000 barrels of oil a day and take 15 million cars out of the peak hour traffic stream.

The national 55-mile per hour speed limit, which gets the stamp of public approval in most polls but is honored more in the breach than in the observance on most highways, would save 200,000 barrels of gasoline a day—if everyone stayed within the limit.

With respect to the automobile itself, the industry is demonstrating its ability to produce cars with greater fuel efficiencies that are also popular with the public. The manufacturers produced and marketed 11 million new motor vehicles last year, second best in industry history. The 1977 down-sized models were well received and the '78 models are continuing the trend toward smaller, lighter cars without any discernible loss in consumer confidence or enthusiasm.

The transition from the large, powerful car of yesterday to the more docile, svelte styles of tomorrow is gradual but unavoidable. The industry has come to recognize that it must move away permanently from its fascination with performance and cosmetic styling and put its priorities on efficiency, safety and utility.

The motor car manufacturers are under a Congressional mandate to achieve fleet average fuel economy standards of 18, 19 and 20 miles per gallon for model years 1978, '79 and '80, and 27.5 mpg by 1985. This means that each manufacturer must attain that mileage standard as the average for all the cars it markets that model year. Last June, I set interim standards of 22, 24, 26 and 27 miles per gallon for the intervening years 1981 through 1984.

The government has levied tough mileage standards not to penalize the industry but to protect it. Each year, as cars with better average fuel economy are built and older models are scrapped, the gasoline savings will mount. The savings between the 20 mpg 1980 standard and the 27.5 mpg 1985 standard will total 10 billion gallons. By 1985, the savings will double.

When the fuel efficiency goal of 27.5 miles per gallon is achieved, the motorist's out of pocket costs of driving a 1985 model car will be no greater than it is today, even if the pump price of gasoline goes to \$1.30 a gallon.

Industry officials tell me that the initial down-sizing process now under way will increase fuel economy by about 12 per cent. A "second-generation" redesign cycle will reduce weights by another 700 pounds before 1985.

One major U.S. manufacturer is now building an experimental six-passenger car using lightweight graphite fibers to reduce the vehicle's weight by one-third. Another producer even contemplates the development of new domestic energy sources, such as methanol.

The cars we will be driving in the

1980's and '90's almost certainly will bear little resemblance to those of the 60's and 70's. But this does not mean they will not be as good. More likely, they will be even better. A car that will be entirely maintenance-free for the first 50,000 miles is, in fact, already an engineering possibility for the early 1980's.

The cars in our future will also be safer. In acting last June 30 to require the installation of passive restraint systems (airbags, belts or other devices) in all new full-size cars in 1982, intermediate and compact cars in 1983, and in all sub-compacts in model year 1984, I did so for 9,000 good reasons—the 9,000 lives that reliable studies show can

be saved annually by a mandatory passive restraint program.

The government's purpose in setting mileage, safety and emission standards is not to stifle or restrain the auto industry, but to deal in a positive way with social problems associated with the automobile. We are finding that these problems—air pollution, unacceptable high levels of highway fatalities and excessive fuel consumption—can be corrected or controlled if the industry, government and the public join together to deal with them.

That is our challenge as I see it—not to wonder if we can get along without the automobile, but to find ways to get along better with it. ■

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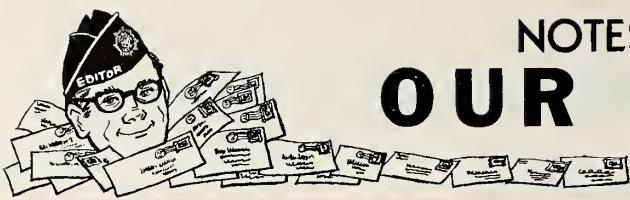
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NOTES ON OUR DESK

The editor's mailbag in the past few months has included many letters from older Legionnaires and their wives expressing chagrin, sorrow and sometimes anger at the 1977 American Legion national convention vote (1,583 to 1,423) not to endorse a blanket \$150 a month federal pension for all veterans of WWI.

To clarify the situation, we have asked National Commander Robert Charles Smith to express the official American Legion position. He states:

"The delegates to the National Convention adopted a resolution to seek a pension for veterans of any war who are totally and permanently disabled, which will guarantee them a decent income. The pension plan we will submit to Congress also includes a provision that the pension level will automatically go up as the Social Security benefit goes up, to insure that pensions will not be reduced when Social Security increases are granted."

"The American Legion has led the fight for pensions through the years. There are many veterans who have benefited from our efforts. Present statistics indicate there are 279,870 World War I veterans on the pension rolls and 539,697 widows of World War I veterans. Our position through the years has always been in favor of granting pension benefits to those who have an actual need, as opposed to giving benefits to those who are financially self-sufficient."

"There are many requests for federal money, and it is becoming extremely difficult to secure appropriations for deserving programs for the veteran. We are continuing our efforts for the betterment of benefits for all veterans."

Letters to the Editor

SIR: My compliments on the September article on "Strokes." I have just undergone surgery to prevent a stroke. Your article confirmed my symptoms and my doctors' diagnosis. It put my mind at ease.

WILLIAM J. FOERSTER
Amherst, MA

SIR: If every family would designate one member every month as an "energy warden" in the household, our energy shortages could be cut significantly.

JOHN E. TULANEY
Scranton, PA

SIR: I think I can say "thank you" for all WWI Navy Yeomanettes after reading the November article.



We like to be remembered. I smile when I remember how little we were paid, but I do not recall hearing anyone complain. We loved being part of the Navy and serving our Country. Enclosed is a picture of my Navy Doll dressed in a replica of my blue serge uniform. I was stationed in Washington, DC.

MADELINE A. JOHNSON
Lombard, IL

SIR: I recall that the status of the first WWI Yeomanettes (November) was so unclear that the Navy issued an order reading: "Yeomen shall embrace Yeomanettes." Believe me, all hands were in favor of that!

ARTHUR J. O'KEEFE
Albany, NY

SIR: It is not fair that the Office of Education pressures hard-up young Americans to repay student loans while our government lavishes aid on refugees and illegal aliens. Charity begins at home.

MRS. R. J. PRULL
Center Junction, IA

SIR: I am a 35-year Legionnaire, but I am also 100 percent in favor of ratifying the Panama Canal treaty and resuming relations with Cuba. The Legion stands are not logical. We recognize other Communist countries, even Russia. It's 1978, not 1922.

ALFREDO LOPEZ
Newton, NJ

SIR: The suggestion that we accept 6 million illegal aliens as permanent residents in the United States must be opposed. This could open the door to their relatives and work profound changes in America's social and economic fabric.

JOHN M. WHITE
Ponca City, OK

SIR: I am amazed that the Legion opposes the Panama Canal treaty. Would we put up with a foreign-owned canal from coast to coast?

MARVIN BING
Frankfort, KY

SIR: Let's hope Congress and the President will listen to the four former chiefs of naval operations who have joined the Legion's fight to save the Panama Canal.

PAUL CHIERA
Silver Spring, MD.

SIR: The Legion should organize a nationwide petition in every post to maintain sovereignty over the Panama Canal. We should shower Washington with protests.

KENNETH W. SMITH
Champaign, IL

SIR: I welcomed the October tribute to Frances Knight, outgoing Passport Office director. It will be a long time before America is again blessed by such a devoted, hard-working, patriotic woman.

N. G. NYERGES
Santa Monica, CA

SIR: The arguments used by leading U.S. businessmen in September in support of trade with Russia ("Uncle Sam in the Global Market") were used prior to WWI as a reason why England, France and Germany would never again go to war against one another. The reasoning would seem to be as specious now as it was then.

MAURICE C. FLEMING
Bradenton, FL

SIR: May I join Mr. Milgram (October) in his letter opposing the shift to the metric system. We have the best measuring and weight system in the world. Why trade it?

G. L. MERKEL
McLaughlin, SD

SIR: The metric system is the simplest method of measurement ever devised. Even critics should master it in 7,200 (s) seconds.

BERNARD OWENS
San Leandro, CA

SIR: Many would like to express their opinion of network television programming, but they don't know who or where to write. Can you help?

MRS. C. JOSEPH NOWAK
Marion, MA

Editor's note: Herbert Schlosser, president, NBC-TV, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NY, NY, 10020; Arthur H. Taylor, president CBS-TV, 51 W. 52 St., NY, NY 10019; Elton H. Rule, president ABC-TV, 1330 Ave. of the Americas, NY, NY 10019; Lawrence Grossman, president Public Broadcasting Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC 20024.

SIR: I do not agree with the 1977 convention's opposition to multilingual education in public schools. Diversity is part of America. I vehemently oppose support for a memorial to the WWII Yugoslav Chetnik leader Draza Mihailovich. In my opinion he was pro-Nazi.

EKREM SPAHICH
Borger, TX
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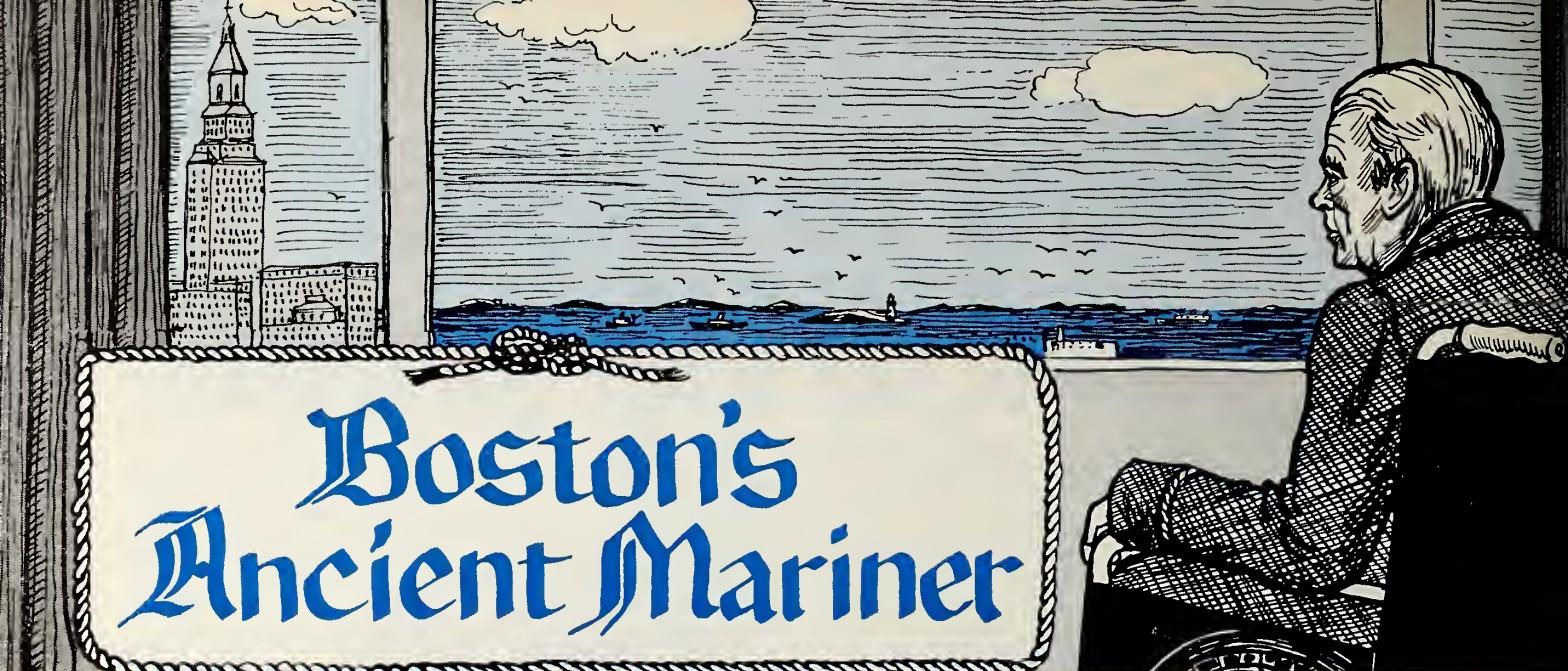
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Boston's Ancient Mariner

THE TALE of an ancient mariner ended early in 1975 with the death, in the Brighton Public Service Hospital, Boston, MA, of Charles A. Jameson, until then this country's only living "unknown soldier."

For 30 years since his admission on Feb. 10, 1945, he had been a patient in the hospital, and waited in quiet dignity for the inevitable end, his memory filled with elusive, fleeting glimpses of a distant past, while searchers probed records all over the world for some clue to his identity.

Shrapnel wounds covered his body. He was confined to a wheelchair.

His funeral was conducted from the Seamen's Bethel in Boston. There were 100 mourners, drawn by sympathy for one who had to die alone and unknown. The 23 pallbearers included Special Justice Chris Byron, Commander of the Coast Guard cutters *Vigilant* and *Bib*, and members of the police department.

The eulogy by Everett S. Allen, assistant to the editor of the *Standard-Times*, paid eloquent tribute to men who gave their lives to the sea.

The Brighton Hospital is charged with taking care of all seamen, no matter what nationality, who are injured on board an American ship. When this war victim was brought to the hospital unconscious and near death, he was admitted without question. Attached was a plain ticket on which was written "Charles A. Jameson, 49, religion Catholic, citizenship American, the *Cutty Sark*."

The scanty information was filed without verification. For three years he was cared for, but the deeply infected shrapnel wounds cost him the use of his legs. His mental attitude deteriorated. He took little interest

in trying to speak, showed less interest in living.

The staff began to treat him as an amnesia patient. To stir his memory, sodium amyta and hypnosis were tried without success. In answer to the routine question "Who are you?" he would recite by rote: "My name is Charles A. Jameson, 49, Catholic, American, the *Cutty Sark*." To other questions he simply mumbled, "I don't know."

The Red Cross yielded no positive information. During the rush of wounded men in early 1945, scarce attention was given to the manner in which he had been brought to the hospital and no record was found as to what ambulance or ship had brought him. It was assumed that he might have been picked up by a fishing vessel.

Fingerprint files in Washington had no record of Charles A. Jameson.

After five years all efforts to identify the patient ended and Charles Jameson was classed "unverified." A rumor sprang up suggesting that he was a German naval officer. Others had it that he had been the captain of a disguised British cruiser which had been torpedoed. A Boston newspaper assigned a reporter to the story and the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service assigned investigator Frank Castelnovo.

The reporter decided to get a sample of the man's handwriting and passed him a slip of paper on which was written a question. The patient studied the paper with interest and suddenly answered loudly and distinctly. He had been silent because he couldn't hear, but he never gave any sign of this and the doctors, busy tending the wounds on his body, hadn't discovered the fact.

The man's memory was quite bad but he exhibited a keen interest in the questions. He still couldn't or wouldn't answer direct questions about himself or about events before coming to the hospital. But a pattern of sorts began to emerge. He knew about ships and the sea and instruments of war. He spoke with a decided British accent.

He didn't recognize anything from British literature, but somewhere, at one time, he must have read extensively about the war maneuvers and deployment of troops in Napoleon's Battle of Austerlitz. He knew nothing about trade, banking, or farming, but from the drawings of funnel markings shown to him he was able to name most of the major steamship companies in the world.

He recognized and identified correctly a photograph of the barracks at Gosport, England, a Royal Naval gunnery school, and said he had been there once for training.

He had never heard of President Harry S. Truman, but thought that President Franklin D. Roosevelt was still in office.

Then in October 1954, Castelnovo came up with the manifest of the USNS *LeJeune*, a navy transport ship which had arrived in Boston from Southampton with a large number of wounded men on Feb. 9, 1945, the day before the unknown patient was admitted to the hospital. At the bottom of the manifest, scratched with a pen on an otherwise typewritten sheet was "Charles W. Jamison, July 17, 1895, Boston, Mass., Catholic, from the ship *Cutty Sark*, documents lost. From Southampton to Army Hospital." Almost illegible after that appeared the words "Four

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"We are particularly fortunate that by an enlightened corporate act, such an art collection will furnish delight for many years," says Anselmo Carini of the Art Institute of Chicago.

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Currier & Ives began in 1834. In the beginning it was Currier & Stodart, a short-lived company that produced letterheads, sheet music and business forms. Nathaniel Currier—born in Massachusetts in 1813—had received early training with William and John Pendleton of Boston, one of the successful U.S. lithography firms. After a year with a

Philadelphia lithographer, Currier moved to New York to start his own business.

In 1857 he made his office manager, James Merritt Ives, a partner. They hired outstanding artists of the times to create original pictures, disciplining them to a remarkably successful format.

The development of mass-produced photographs in the late 1880's gradually brought Currier & Ives activities to an end and the firm ceased operations in the early 1890's, but not before it had recorded for posterity many early American events.

Subject matter covered virtually every aspect of 19th century Amer-

ica. Best loved are the hunting, fishing, farm, whaling, steamboat, racing, railroad and clipper ship scenes. A cross section is displayed in this issue of *The American Legion Magazine*, including the cover.

The Esmark collection has been divided into four touring groups. A film of the full set has been shown to almost a million viewers at home and overseas.

One group, premiered at the Art Institute of Chicago, is being shown in major U.S. art museums. Another is being shown at university art centers. One is touring Asia, Africa and Europe. The fourth is being presented by Esmark companies. ■



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45-54	14,520	12,100	9,680	7,260	4,840	2,420
55-59	7,920	6,600	5,280	3,960	2,640	1,320
60-64	5,280	4,400	3,520	2,640	1,760	880
65-69	3,300	2,750	2,200	1,650	1,100	550
70-74*	2,178	1,815	1,452	1,089	726	363
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I represent that to the best of my knowledge, all statements and answers recorded on this enrollment card are true and complete. I agree that this enrollment card shall be a part of any insurance granted upon it under the policy. I authorize any physician or other person who has attended or examined me, or who may attend or examine me, to disclose or to testify to any knowledge thus acquired.

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I apply for additional Legion Life Insurance. My present certificate number is _____

The GOOD OLD DAYS



They're Getting Better-

Veterans Administration's modern nursing home at Bay Pines, FL, near St. Petersburg, completed in 1973

ONE of the most challenging and perhaps exciting realities facing our society today is the rapidly expanding population of older persons.

Dr. Robert N. Butler, director, National Institute on Aging, part of the National Institutes of Health, refers to aging as a growing industry. According to Herman Brotman, a consulting gerontologist whose research on the aged has been incorporated into both private and government studies, not only is our older population increasing, but it is the oldest part of our older population that is increasing most rapidly. Thus, he says, those who already have made it to 75 and 85 are, generally, still going strong and some can be expected to go on past the century mark. Dr. Ralph Goldman, Assistant Chief Medical Director for Extended Care at the Veterans Administration also sees a continuing rise in the age level of veterans. According to Dr. Goldman, their numbers, which in 1977 were 2.37 million aged 65 and over, will peak in 1995 when we can expect 8.04 million aged 65 and over.

Dr. Butler, basing his conclusions on studies conducted by the Census Bureau, predicts 17 percent of the

U.S. population will be in the old-age category by the year 2030.

We can expect a lot of changes—in the way our national budget will be spent, in the growth and dynamics of our society, in the pace of our daily existence and, most important of all, in the way older people will view themselves, and, subsequently, how society will view them.

This last is happening right now. All you have to do is pick up a newspaper or news magazine to read how those among us who are over 65 are organizing to demand, and often to secure, a larger slice of the economic pie in the way of jobs, pensions, health care, and national, state and local services. Their problems and interests are gaining more attention and support, too. As of this past November, Public Broadcasting and the government department HEW cooperated in funding and starting a national evening television series for and about them, "Over Easy."

Bills to change the mandatory retirement age to 70 were passed by both houses of Congress in October 1977. If differences between the two versions can be worked out in committee, and the President signs the

final version, 70 may become the new legal retirement age.

Still, a number of persons subscribe to the view that older persons should retire. Dr. Goldman is one. "There comes a point when I believe we should all consider retiring," he states. "This should be before, not after, our performance deteriorates below acceptable standards. That would be the time to consider the so-called second career or endeavor that may have been only a hobby or interest before."

This view is supported by author James Michener. In a 1977 interview given to *U.S. News & World Report* he said, "The older I get, the more convinced I am that people ought to retire from managerial positions younger than they generally do now . . . they can remain very useful, but not in the top managerial positions."

Columnist William Safire came out strongly against deferring retirement to age 70 in a *New York Times* newspaper essay he called "The Codger-doggle." In it he said "... old people get older and usually less productive, and they ought to retire so that business can be better managed and society more economically served."

NUMBER OF VETERANS OVER 65 YEARS

(in millions)

Ages	1965	1970	1975	1977	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000
65-74	1.95	1.07	1.15	1.48	2.22	4.10	5.88	5.68	4.43
75 +	.38	.93	1.06	.89	.74	.86	1.31	2.38	3.38
Total									
65 +:	2.31	2.00	2.21	2.37	2.96	4.96	7.19	8.04	7.82

The opposite view is held by, among others, Edward Ball, the 89-year old senior trustee of the Alfred I. du Pont estate, who was quoted in an October 1977 *Time* magazine article entitled "No Rest At 89," as saying "What is retirement anyhow except sitting in a rocking chair and listening to your arteries harden?"

If you look at Mr. Brotman's statistics, however, you see that the fight to hold on to jobs isn't simply a matter of not wanting to grow old and be put on the shelf. Hanging on to a job well beyond what used to be considered normal retirement age is becoming more and more of an economic necessity.

With older persons living longer, a situation is developing where the adult working group, those between 18 and 65, is starting to have to face up to the awesome reality of sustaining not two but three other generations, two older and one younger. According to Dr. Goldman, "It is important for the VA to be aware of these population trends since it will affect the demands made upon our present and planned facilities. Also, the demands that will be made upon our staff. More veterans coming into the over-65 bracket will require advance planning in areas that the older veteran makes calls upon, such as domiciliaries, nursing homes and hospitals."

Dr. Goldman's words bring us directly to an area of major importance to older citizens—health. No matter how much an older person may desire to keep going, it is possible only when age is accompanied by good health. An article in the Sept. 16, 1977 *Washington Star* newspaper by Ed Hobbie entitled "Don't Give In To Old Age" told how the writer escaped the "65 and over" trap. As you read along, however, you discover that Mr. Hobbie's determinedly youthful outlook has been helped along by excellent health which had precluded a visit to a doctor in 40 years and that his family history

included a number of relatives who all continued to work productively well into their 80's and 90's. His experience may in fact be more common than is generally believed, for despite the reality that health deteriorates as we grow older—with cataracts, loss of hearing, broken bones and prostate problems in men all part of the scenario of old age—today's improved treatment in at least three of these areas, cataracts, hip fractures and the prostate gland, have, according to Dr. Goldman, brought about improved function and comfort for many older persons.

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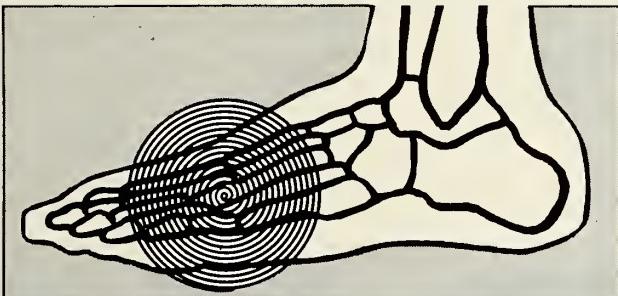
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"There is no doubt," he states, "that nailing of hip fractures has reduced death from pneumonia, prostatotomy has reduced death from renal failure, cancer surgery has reduced cancer death, and antibiotics have reduced death from infections . . ." But while treatment for cataracts in regard to operating techniques and recuperation time-periods has made great strides, the progress for hearing loss—a condition experienced more among men over 60 than among women—has not been as great to date.

Senile dementia is estimated to affect one-half million of the 1.2 million people in nursing homes today. If it were to be listed as a cause of death, the NIA suspects that it would probably be the fifth greatest cause of death in the country. It is also a very costly disease for state and federal governments. Caring for aged persons so afflicted runs into the billions nationwide. NIA calculations indicate that one-third of the national health expenditure is spent on the care of men and women over 65.

Dr. James Folsom, director, Institute for Crippled and Disabled Rehabilitation and Research Center in New York City, has been working with a technique he calls "reality

orientation," a concept of treating older people who have been thought to be senile by encouraging reactions from them. According to Dr. Folsom, the pilot program was begun in 1959 at the Veterans Hospital in Topeka, KA, original site of the Menninger School of Psychiatry.

Seeking to reverse the senile dementia pattern and return older persons thus afflicted to productive society, the program began by first training a staff of corrective therapists—persons with physical education training in corrective sports and exercises. Such therapists were trained to work with the chair-and-bedridden old, expecting them to make decisions and become involved. At first, minor challenges are put to patients, such as refusing to let them tune-out as to what day it is or where they are. Then more is expected of them, such as making them decide what clothes they want to wear that day. The therapists, whose training has taught them to expect improvement in their charges, convey this expectation by their manner and the aged patients in turn have responded with amazing results.

Dr. Folsom's program showed that old persons who had been literally helpless, unable to perform the most

basic services, such as feeding themselves and managing personal hygiene, were in fact able to manage nearly all their personal needs when challenged to do so. Their personalities began to return. Humor, conversation and intellectual curiosity were aroused. Symptoms of senile dementia formerly considered incurable, such as forgetfulness, disorientation and the inability to do simple chores, now often are reversed with the aid, too, of drugs and psychotherapy.

Some false impressions of the aged emerged precisely because most studies were conducted among the institutionalized, who are generally sick or alone, without supportive family members. Dr. Goldman's observations have led him to believe that more and more people are reaching old age without any living relatives, though the number, he says, is still much lower than half the present older population. This is due to the failure on the part of some persons to marry, or having married, to divorce and then lose contact with spouses and children. It is these people, when ill, who will often turn to institutions for care and who can lose the desire to keep up with the times, falling into deep depression instead.



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It is these persons, too, who comprise that part of our older citizenry that gives in to total despair and sometimes turns to suicide. Some 25 percent of all suicides in the United States are committed by people over 65 years of age, often because they have no one to listen to them and help them with their difficulties, fears and concerns.

With all the discussion about the old in nursing homes, Mr. Brotman's figures show that at no time are more than 5 percent of our old institutionalized. The remaining 95 percent continue to live in the community, alone or with their families.

Thus, he sees the main problem for many older persons as remaining within society as a functioning part of it. Greater emphasis on social services that would include shopping services, transportation services and at-home medical services such as injections, physical therapy and even counseling can help accomplish this.

The National Institute on Aging also looks to the day when space technology will be applied to aid elderly persons disabled by stroke, arthritis or muscular weakness. Such devices as cane and hand sensors and activators, remote control devices and wheelchairs that will climb stairs are part of that vision. (A voice-controlled wheelchair was demonstrated at the 1977 American Legion Convention.) NIA also is working to have more attention paid to the older citizen by the medical profession. At present there is just one endowed chair in geriatric medicine in the United States, created in 1977 at Cornell Medical College in New York City. England has 10, Sweden, two and Holland created its first in 1976.

Among the things that do present problems for older persons are liquor and drugs. Not because the old abuse their use of them, but because age has a way of changing the older person's reaction to liquor and because multiple ailments result in multiple prescriptions of various drugs.

In a final overview of old age, Dr. Goldman may have summed the matter up best: "I'd say to all who have reached it to take care of it and enjoy it. Each age has its values. Try to realize that and yet maintain a sense of freshness and newness. Finally, I'd tell older people to adapt to and enjoy their age, whatever it is. One more thing. I think we should start viewing old age as an achievement. After all, for a person to have reached what we call old age is remarkable considering all the pitfalls life offers along the way, and how few people made it in the past."

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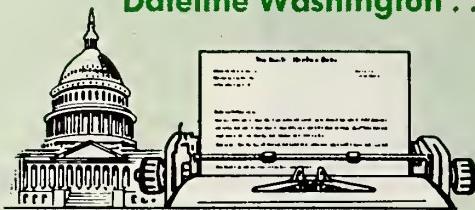
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The U.S. Government would fight terrorism on a top priority basis under a battle plan proposed by a bi-partisan bloc headed by Sen. Abe Ribicoff (D-CT). The terrorists are organized and conducting an ongoing war, says Ribicoff, so that the U.S. must undertake a methodical campaign to stamp them out.

During the past seven years, according to Senator Ribicoff, there were 913 terrorist incidents directly affecting U.S. citizens, companies or institutions, including 127 aircraft seizures or attempts. And portending worse for the future, terrorists were twice apprehended before they could launch heat-seeking missiles against a 747 passenger aircraft.

The legislation would compel the President to take stern measures against countries identified as harboring or helping terrorists. A 1976 report by the Library of Congress on countries abetting terrorists cited Russia, Red China, North Korea, Cuba, Libya, Algeria, Syria, Yemen, Iraq, Lebanon, Tanzania, Congo and Zaire.

Congress has been getting considerable flak from constituents around the country complaining against junk telephone calls, which like junk advertising mail pours into American homes. One automated device can dial 1000 calls a day, deliver a taped sales pitch and record orders.

Support is mounting in both chambers for a Telephone Privacy Act, which would restrict the persistent daily outpouring of phone calls from salesmen pushing a host of products and services. A barrage of some 7 million telephone solicitations are made daily, Congress was told. At least \$4 billion a year is spent for such calls by salesmen, resulting in an estimated \$28 million in sales every day.

Under terms of the legislation, the phone salesman could be prevented from making unsolicited calls if the phone subscriber notifies the telephone company; violators would face fine and imprisonment. Exemptions are made for unsolicited calls for charities, political organizations and public opinion polls.

Washington media representatives like to expose, from time to time, the special perquisites enjoyed by Members of Congress

FIGHTING TERRORISM IS A TOP PRIORITY. JUNK PHONE CALLS NOW ARE UNDER FIRE. SPOTLIGHT FOCUSES ON PRESS PERQUISITES.

and top officials of the government. Recently, Rep. David R. Obey, chairman of the Commission on House Practices, turned the spotlight on "perks" of the press which are also paid for from the public till.

The Wisconsin Democrat noted that the press galleries of Congress, underwritten by the taxpayers, provide free space, typewriters, desks and other furnishings for the 3,000 accredited correspondents. Public funds also pay for 24 press gallery employes, 181 free parking spaces for the newsmen, 180 free telephones.

The scornful anger of Rep. Obey was aroused by a telecast attack on Congressional privileges. He said he had no complaint against the press criticism; but that he felt the newsmen who pointed at Capitol Hill privileges might be more honest in admitting their own "perks."

PEOPLE & QUOTES

DEBT TO VETS

"... I think there is a special debt of gratitude on the part of American people to those young men and women who served in Vietnam, because they have not been appreciated enough." President Carter.

SPEECH AT U.N.

"I have concluded regrettably that I could read my last year's speech again, word for word, and no one would notice the repetition, nor would they care." D. C. Jamieson, Canadian Foreign Ministry.

PARENTS TO PAY

"If you want to be a campus revolutionary, you've got to have parents willing to pay your way through school," California Senator Hayakawa.

THREE WORRIES

"Three points of friction with the United States worry Europe—the growing energy crisis, the low value of the dollar, and the rising threat of protectionism." Prime Minister Tindemans of Belgium.

WHITE COLLAR CRIME

"... while white-collar criminals are selective in choosing victims, almost no class of society escapes their attention." Asst. Atty. General Benjamin Civiletti.

TERRORISM HEEDS PR

"The success of a terrorist operation depends almost entirely on the amount of publicity it receives." Historian Walter Laqueur.

MONKEY MORALS

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The city of Boston has dedicated "Nicholas Scaramella Square", adjacent to historic Old North Church, in memory of the long-time member of the National Emblem Sales Committee. Scaramella (inset), a WW I veteran and past commander of North End Post 53, was a respected civic leader. Past National Vice Cdr. Frank Kelly (left), former Boston Park Commissioner, was the principal speaker to a large gathering of city and state officials and Massachusetts Legionnaires. To Kelly's right are: Dept. Vice Cdr. Ernest Pescosolido; Mr. Scaramella's widow, Mary; Past Dept. Cdr. Robert F. Murphy; and City Councillor Frederick Langone

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would expedite claims for lost paychecks, veterans pensions and tax refunds.

LEGION POST PROGRAMS BOOST VETERANS EMPLOYMENT: American Legion posts throughout the nation have found 41,758 jobs for veterans...The 1976-77 Consolidated Post Report Summary shows that posts with veterans employment programs increased from 869 in 1974-75 to 1,011.

VA SILVER "MINES" PRODUCE HIGH STAKES: During a recent 15-month period, the VA realized a silver bonanza of \$2.75 million through on-going silver reclamation programs...Half came from expended X-ray developing solution recovery systems; the remainder from the collection and sales of scrap X-ray film...Since the U.S. consumes 5 times the amount of silver it produces, the VA reclamation project helps conserve the precious metal for other medical uses...Proceeds from the silver sales help reduce costs of the VA's supplies and services.

OLDER DISABLED VETS ELIGIBLE FOR AUTO GRANTS: The VA is trying to locate some 800 disabled vets with service prior to Sept. 16, 1940, who have just become eligible for automobile and adaptive equipment grants...The new law, signed by President Carter Oct. 3, extends eligibility to WW I and pre-WW II disabled...Contact local VA office for details.

VA NEWS BRIEFS: Women make up nearly two per cent of U.S. veterans population...GI home loan eligibility can now be used an unlimited number of times provided veteran-applicant has no outstanding VA-guaranteed loan...47,000 veterans used VA vocational rehabilitation counseling service last year, a 68 per cent increase.



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Pencil manufacturers of the 1800's couldn't resist the large stands of fine straight grain red cedar trees—a natural cedar forest close to a deep port, served by a railroad. The Atlantic Gulf West India Transit Railroad ran from Fernandina to Cedar Key. It connected with other transport systems on the east coast of Florida and was the "brainchild" of Sen. David Levy Yulee who, with others in government, arranged a "swamp land give-away" to anyone who would develop it.

Logs were floated into rafts and hauled to the mill or to ships waiting near Seahorse Key. Cedar going to the mill was cut into pieces about the size of railroad ties. At the mill, skilled workmen cut it into small slats half a pencil thick and nine pencils wide. Pencils were made like a sandwich, two half slats with a groove in the middle for the lead. The lead was a mixture of graphite, clay and gum. High pressure was used to bond elements together. The bare pencil was then sanded, varnished, stamped and topped with an eraser. Most of the finishing process was done in New York City factories. Lumber not suitable for pencils was used for boxes. Products were shipped to London, Paris and Vienna, as well as to New York. (The traditional yellow color coating was added by Faber in the late 1890's.)

Atsena Otie housed a unique community of mill workers' families, most of German descent. It was a clean, orderly, thrifty group of hard-working folk. Their overseer was a powerful landlord named Schmit, Schlemmer, or Schmilt—records are not clear. According to hearsay he carried a gold cane to emphasize his orders. He insisted that the children attend school and take music lessons. Mill workers' housing was free, as was hospital care. Even churches were built for the workers.

In 1883, *Harper's Weekly* reported that one million cubic feet of trimmed pencil-making material was shipped out of Cedar Key. Drawings by S. G. W. Benjamin that accompanied

the *Harper's* article provide rich details of 19th century lumbering.

Today the cedars are gone. The biggest local attraction is a spring art show that draws 50,000 people or more. That gives the old matron an excuse to "spruce up" and talk for a few days about the time when she literally wrote history.

She'll talk, too, about the manufacture of brooms, the collecting and packaging of the black point oyster, and shipbuilding. In the 19th century, Cedar Key was "Queen of the Gulf" and the largest port on Florida's west coast.

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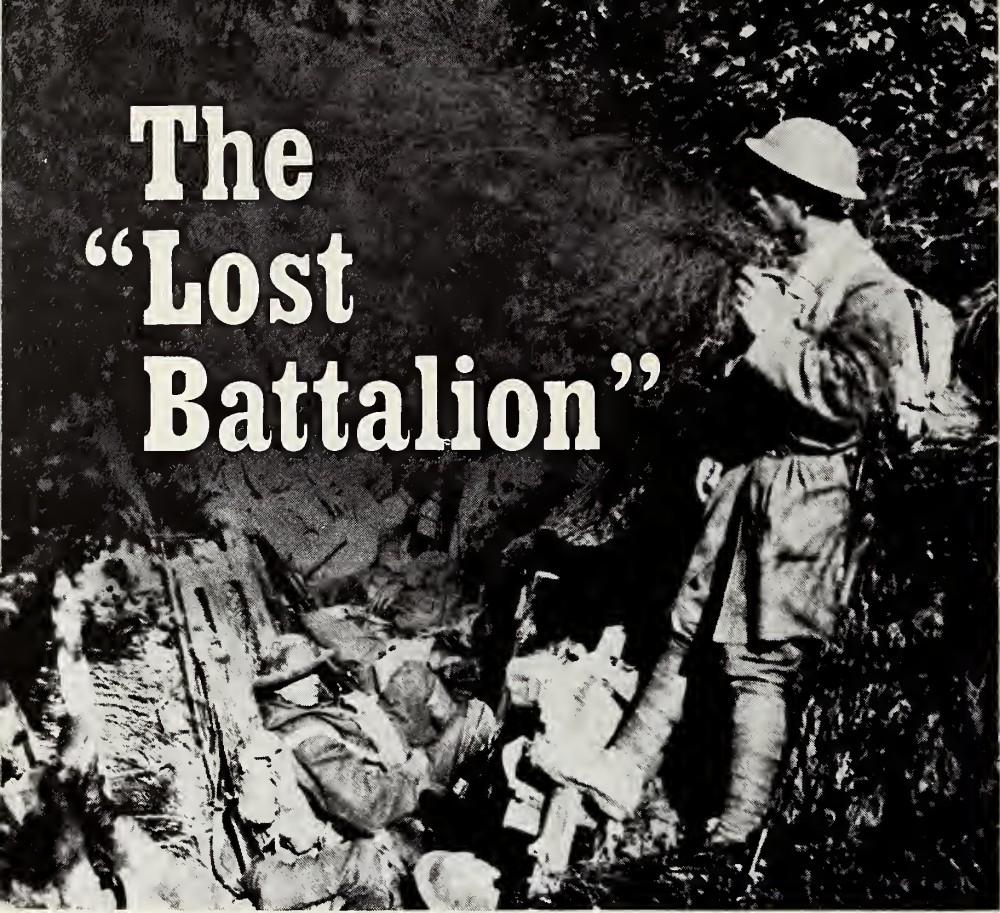
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The "Lost Battalion"



Maj. Charles Whittlesey and his "Lost Battalion" in the trenches of the Argonne forest in France during World War I

THEY CHARGED into Charlevaux Valley in the Argonne forest of France like a herd of buffaloes and took their positions.

But, as Herman Bienstock of Longmont, CO, a surviving member of the famous 308th Infantry, 77th Division, recalls, "We were outnumbered and outmaneuvered" by the Germans.

What followed became the legendary story of the "Lost Battalion" in World War I—an incredible yarn that defies imagination, full of suffering and starvation, wounded and dead, but most important, full of the will to fight and live.

Adam T. Raczkowski of Southington, CT, another surviving member of the 308th who proudly wore his World War I uniform while marching in The American Legion's convention parade in Denver last August, said that 550 men of the unit were trapped for five days, without food for 100 hours and when they were rescued, 194 walked out, 107 had been killed and 249 had been wounded.

Another "Lost Battalion" warrior, Ellis C. Vander Pyl, who was to serve many years later as a USAFE intelligence officer in Wiesbaden, Germany, described the experience as "another Black Hole of Calcutta," referring to the 146 British prisoners of the Nawab of Bengal in 1756 who were forced into a room 18 by 14 feet with only two small windows.

Only 23 of the 126 came out alive.

Although they did not meet during the Denver convention, Bienstock remembered Raczkowski.

"He was a runner for the 308th's E Company," he recalled. "He delivered messages for his commanding officer to the 308th's headquarters. He was stricken with a bad case of mustard gas and was hospitalized in the Vesle sector."

Bienstock, who is in his 59th year as a Legionnaire, also recalled that in 1917 Congress passed a law entitling any male immigrant in good physical health to American citizenship if he enlisted in the Army.

"Those who resided and enlisted in the New York City area were sent to Camp Upton on Long Island," he said. "I was there to greet them. Many could not speak English, but they turned out to be very good soldiers." (The 77th Division's Social Director was Sgt. Irving Berlin, one of America's all-time great songwriters. Berlin lined up such top entertainers as Eddie Cantor, Al Jolson, Sophie Tucker and others to give weekly performances at Camp Upton.)

But more about the 308th:

Thomas M. Johnson and Fletcher Bratt in their book, "The Lost Battalion," published in 1938, set the stage this way:

"It was 8:30 in the morning of Oct. 2, 1918, the seventh day of the

Argonne drive by the U.S. 77th Division—"New York's Own". Regiment 308, on the western edge of the forest, stumbled forward into the depressed-looking jungle of second growth and underbrush. Advance north straight ahead, the orders said, through the main German line to a position beyond Charlevaux Brook.

"Maj. Charles W. Whittlesey, the tall, spectacled New England lawyer who commanded the First Battalion, looked grave. The terrain was difficult, the woods too thick to permit good artillery support. Liaison with the French Army on the left was bad. His men had no blankets, no raincoats, no reserve rations and no experience.

"They were draft boys from New York City's lower East Side; only 10 percent of them knew how to work a hand grenade, and as for rifles: 'I can't make the bullets go into this thing,' said one. But the orders were: Go ahead, pay no attention to flanks or losses.

The New Englander obeyed to the letter.

"They went forward, against machine-gun fire. Men fell here and there and the advance slowed. Finally, the fire in their faces became a horizontal rainstorm. To continue straight ahead was suicide. Whittlesey swung his force to the right, up Hill 198. Crawling, sneaking from tree to tree, skirmishing by singles and two's as American soldiers have done since the days of Mad Anthony Wayne, they encountered only snipers and isolated machine gun nests. And then—the leading patrols came upon a trench, part of the main Ger-



Statue of Liberty Shoulder Patch of the 77th Div.

man defense line, but deserted. The German command, counting on the unfavorable terrain to hold up the American advance, had switched most of the defenders further east."

That was when Whittlesey and his men settled down in the Charlevaux Valley as the sun was setting on a short October day.

At sunup the next day, the 308th was hemmed in by Germans.

Whittlesey considered trying to smash back through the German lines behind him but the general order of the Argonne offensive was: "Ground once captured must not be given up in absence of direct orders...."

The German command realized that the American battalion was surrounded and decided against wasting men. Instead, the Germans rained

machine-gun fire, mortars, rifle fire and "potato masher" bombs on the embattled 308th.

The Germans were only a part of the "Lost Battalion's" problem. It began to take American artillery fire, too, because the 308th's location was not known by other elements of the 77th Division.

It was almost impossible to get runners through the German lines. Whittlesey had two carrier pigeons left. On one, Cher Ami, he strapped this message: "We are along the road parallel 276.4. Our own artillery is dropping a barrage directly on us. For heaven's sake, stop it."

Cher Ami took off, then settled down on a tree to preen. The 308th set up a cry to move the bird but it only took off when a soldier climbed the tree and shook the branch.

Cher Ami then did the fantastic job, arriving at the 77th Division pigeon loft with one eye lost, its breastbone broken and a leg cut away. The American shelling stopped.

Germans tried to infiltrate the 308th's position but were shot down in the attempt. At brigade headquarters, plans had been made to save Whittlesey's battalion. All through Oct. 6, the battalion held its position despite the adversities.



Major Whittlesey (left) and Herman Bienstock were with the 308th Infantry in France during World War I

On the foggy morning of Oct. 7, Whittlesey played one more trump—a small Polish Jew named Abe Krotoshinsky from New York City. He asked Abe to get a message back to headquarters. Meanwhile, the Germans sent a captured American private back to the 308th with the simple message: "Surrender!"

Krotoshinsky threaded his way through the German lines, close enough at times to hear machine gunners muttering in German. Krotoshinsky made it. After a good meal and reporting the 308th's position and condition, he led the 307th Regiment back to the beleaguered battalion.

The 307th broke through and the 308th was relieved. Maj. Gen. Robert

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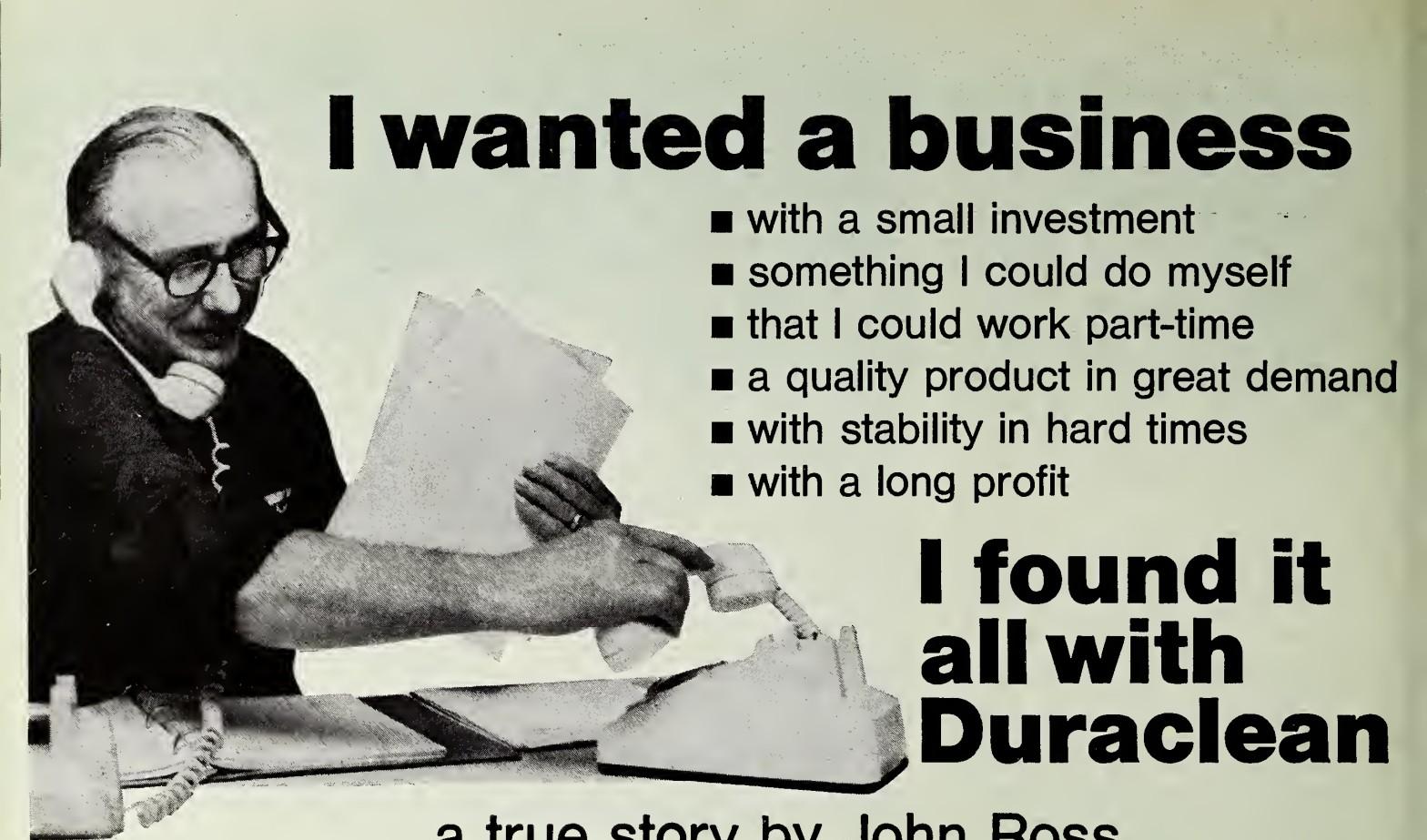
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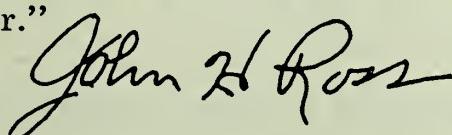
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Opposing Views on a Question of Increasing Importance

Should Congress Approve

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Consider some of the advantages:

(1) It is the only practical way to keep the canal open. The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has described the canal as "defenseless as a baby." A properly placed hand grenade or small mortar shell would close it. The Monday morning quarterbacks here who view the canal as some easily defended fortress are not facing reality.

(2) The top military people who know the facts are for the treaties. Some will respond, "They're for it because they got orders." That happens sometimes. The proposal to pull troops out of Korea, for example, is a case where our military officials have been given orders on how to respond. But when you talk to them privately, they are virtually unanimous that we should stay in Korea. Panama is different. Talk to the top military people privately and they are strongly for the treaties.

(3) The treaties keep open the possibility of a newer, larger canal. None of our large military, freight or oil ships can use the present canal. The treaties give the United States the exclusive right to work with Panama for construction of a new, larger canal. If the treaties are not approved, any possibility of a new canal is dead.

(4) The treaties are a good deal for the American taxpayer. The only payments to Panama come from canal tolls. A separate agreement (not part of the treaties) calls for some U.S. loans to Panama. The treaties give us the right to three large areas with 14 military installations—for nothing. Compare that

with the millions we pay Spain and other countries for our bases abroad.

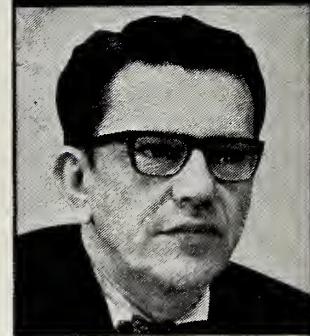
(5) The treaties permit the United States to stay on the offensive in international politics. Not a single other country supports our keeping the canal. If we stand for colonialism, for keeping a strip of land through the middle of another country on the basis of a treaty that no Panamanian citizen even signed, we will be hurting our leadership role immensely.

(6) The treaties protect U.S. business interests and jobs. Shippers, U.S. labor leaders and others with economic interests in Latin America generally favor the treaties. They know it is a practical way to protect our business interests abroad—and those business interests mean jobs for Americans at home.

One final point: I want my nation to stand for justice, not injustice. I want us to avoid senseless wars.

I've worn our uniform with pride and I want us to stand for what is good and right and noble.

"YES"

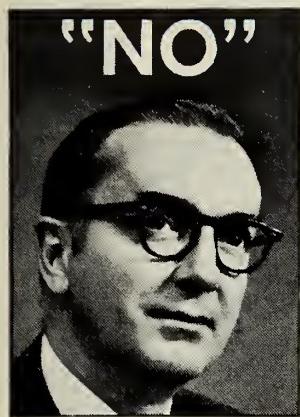


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The Panama Canal Treaties?



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Moreover, over the past 74 years, American taxpayers have invested more than \$7 billion in building and defending the Canal, and they deserve to see that investment protected. It is nonsense to claim that we don't exercise full sovereignty or that we don't own the Zone.

The proposed treaties would surrender our sovereign rights immediately, and establish a timetable for the complete nationalization of our properties by Panama. Within five years, 20 percent of the U.S. citizens now employed by the Canal would have to be gone, and the rest would be phased out

EMPTY SLOGANS now proclaim that our true national interest in the Panama Canal lies in use, not sovereignty. But the real question is whether our present treaties or the proposed treaties give the better basis to keep the Canal open, safe and efficient.

The 1903 Treaty wisely made a bloc grant of full sovereign rights in the

I have read in the American Legion Magazine for January the arguments in PRO & CON: Should Congress Approve The Panama Canal Treaties?

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on similar schedules. Without U.S. citizens in key executive and security positions, we would have no practical way to operate the Canal if there were a dispute with Panama. Moreover, as soon as the treaties go into effect, Panama's defense forces would be combined with ours in the daily defense operations, thereby becoming privy to our plans and preparations.

The fatal flaw of the treaties is that they assume the participation of a friendly Panama. But they provide no viable options if Panama were controlled by a Communist or hostile government. The treaties are premised on the scare theory that we cannot presently defend the Canal against sabotage by disgruntled Panamanians. But our present position of undisputed command and control is far better to defend against that threat than the confusing mixed administration and combined defense system proposed to operate under Panama's sovereignty.

Even the so-called "neutrality" treaty fails to spell out what rights we would have to maintain neutrality after the year 2000. In practice, any dispute would be governed by the United Nations Charter, not by the Panama treaties. The new treaties cannot reasonably guarantee uninterrupted use of the Canal.

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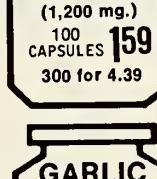
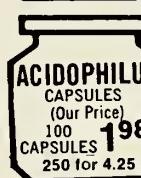
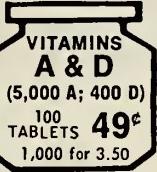
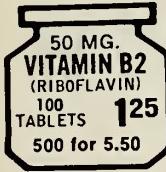
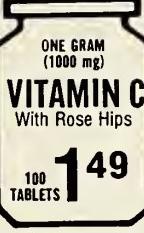
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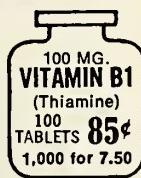
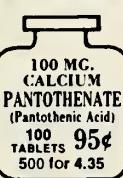
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South Carolina Rebuilds Youth with "Your State" Program

The South Carolina Department of The American Legion, under the leadership of Edward Pendarvis of Charleston, has developed a unique "Your State" program for the state's Department of Youth Services. Teenage girls and boys took part in a two-day state government laboratory last November.

Participants were all juvenile offenders remanded by the South Carolina courts to a campus-like correctional center in Columbia. Pendarvis, a Youth Services department board member, proposed the idea to state Legion officials based on the Palmetto Boys' State program which he has successfully directed for five years. Both the Legion and

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From left to right: SC Boy's State Committeeman A. W. McClendon looks on as Governor James B. Edwards with his counterpart, "Governor" Willie Joe Wydman, 17, of Greenville, and SC Dept. Cdr. Pearce Fleming at the Legion-sponsored "Your State" held at the SC Department of Youth Services juvenile corrective facility in Columbia, Nov. 15-16. The program is believed another Legion first.

Vets' Pension Reform Plan Due



New Jersey Congressional Medal of Honor winners Freeman Horner, left, of Cinnaminson, and Franklin Sigler of Sparta display the first special state-issued license plates designed to honor recipients of the nation's highest award for military valor, Legionnaire Edward Kelly of Capt. James MacFarland Post 79 in Burlington is credited with proposing the concept to the government of New Jersey.

Mid-Winter Conference

The National Commander's annual Mid-Winter Conference is scheduled Feb. 20-23 at Washington, D.C. The Capital Hilton Hotel will be conference headquarters.

Schedule highlights:

Feb. 18	Banquet	Ticket Room Opens	12:00
Feb. 19	Registration		12:00
Feb. 20	Rehabilitation Conference		9:5
Feb. 21	ANAVICUS Breakfast		7:30
	Special Meeting: All Conferees		9:00
	Public Relations Luncheon		11:30
Feb. 22	Capitol Hill Day		
	Steivos Breakfast		8:00
	Rehabilitation Conference		9:5
	Nat'l. Cdr.'s Congressional Banquet		7:30
Feb. 23	(Washington Hilton Hotel)		
	Dept. Service Officer Breakfast		7:30
	Rehabilitation Commission Meeting		9-12

Although the Veterans and Survivors Pension Adjustment Act of 1977 will bring a 6.5% increase in veterans' pension checks starting this month, it is a stop-gap measure that barely keeps up with the cost of living. It does little to rectify outdated provisions of the pension program affecting some 2.5 million veterans, widows and orphans. Major reforms may be in the offing.

Soon after the gavel sounds the opening of the second session of the 95th Congress, Sen. Alan Cranston (D-CA) chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, plans to propose sweeping changes in veterans disability and death pension programs. Cranston's proposal is in keeping with The American Legion mandate supporting the principle that entitlement to pension benefits should be based on need.

Basically, these pensions are paid to wartime veterans or their surviving spouses and children if the veteran dies or is disabled due to non-service-connected causes. Entitlement is based on other than a dishonorable discharge after at least 90 days' active service (or in cases where a service-connected disability caused discharge before 90 days), and income and estate limitations.

Inflation in recent years has rendered the current law ineffective, the Legion has argued. The new legislative pro-

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Lloyd Wignall, Wife Killed In Car Crash

American Legion Internal Affairs Director J. Lloyd Wignall, his wife, and mother - in - law were killed Thanksgiving evening in an auto accident near his home in Crawfordsville, IN.

Wignall and his mother - in - law, Mrs. Eva Eardly, were killed instantly when Wignall's car was struck broadside by another car. Mrs. Wignall died a few hours later at the hospital. A niece traveling with them was injured in the accident.

A WWII Army veteran and past post commander of Sugarhouse Post 65 in Utah, Wignall came to national headquarters in 1961 as Asst. Director of Membership and Post Activities. He became director in August 1966, heading that section until he was appointed to the Internal Affairs post in 1976.

Survivors are two children, Mrs. Joyce Weidert of Idaho, and Jay Wignall of Indianapolis, Mr. Wignall's mother in Crawfordsville, a sister in Oklahoma, and two grandchildren.

NEWS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

GI Bill Education Benefits Increased

A 6.6% increase in educational benefits is one of the major provisions of the GI Bill Improvement Act of 1977. Retroactive to Oct. 1, 1977, the increased payments will benefit some 1.5 million service people and veterans. Single veterans pursuing full-time training now receive \$311 per month, veterans with one dependent get \$370 and veterans with two dependents get \$422. Veterans with more than two dependents receive an additional \$26 for each dependent.

The legislation also establishes a program of accelerated educational assistance payments. This provision enables veteran students attending high tuition cost schools to receive their 45-month maximum benefits over a shorter period, thereby increasing the amount of their monthly checks.

As a result of the new Act, a needy veteran can now borrow up to \$2500 per school year directly from the VA,

Engineers Mark 200th

The bicentennial celebration of the first call for engineering education in America takes place at the Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, PA June 9.

Exactly 200 years earlier, Gen. George Washington directed Maj. Gen. Lord James Stirling to establish engineering classes for the Continental Army at Valley Forge. Eleven enlisted men made up the first class. Training was moved to West Point, NY in 1802, and established as the United States Military Academy. Today's school for Army engineers is at Fort Belvoir, VA, on the site where the young George Washington developed his skills as a surveyor and engineer. The National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) has designated the week of Washington's birthday (Feb. 19-25) as National Engineers Week.

General Bruce C. Clarke (U.S. Army Ret.) heads the planning committee for the June 9 observance in coordination with NSPE. President Carter has been invited to dedicate a memorial plaque; a commemorative medallion will also be issued. A combat engineer battalion and the Army Band and Chorus will participate. Professional engineering societies, industry and education will also be represented.

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removing the requirement to show proof of refusal from at least two private or public lending institutions.

A joint Federal-State "forgiveness of loan" provision can cancel up to $\frac{2}{3}$ of the veteran's loan provided the state in which he is attending school contributes $\frac{1}{3}$ of the loan. The veteran is not required to pay it off until he completes his education program. Repayment can be over 11½ years at 7%.

Another provision extends the period of time a veteran or eligible spouse has to use his or her GI Bill benefits when a physical or mental disability—not the result of personal misconduct—prevented the student from initiating or completing a course of study. The VA Administrator must rule on each case.

Another feature of the Act authorizes payment of benefits to WW II Women's Air Service Pilots (WASPs) once the Department of Defense, by issuing them honorable discharges, certifies that during their service to the military they were on active duty.

For details on these and other provisions of the new GI Bill, contact your local Service Officer.

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South Carolina "Your State" Program

Youth Services approved the project.

"We of the Legion know the future of America is in our youth, whether they're at home or in an institution," said Dept. Cdr. Pearce Fleming.

On the morning of Nov. 15, the girls' contingent from Willow Lane arrived at the convention site sporting banners, caps, balloons and striking pink and white armbands symbolizing the coeducational aspect of the program. The festive political mood soon spread to the boys from the other two participating campuses and an intense rivalry, comparable to that seen at national political conventions, prevailed.

Each campus became a "county", each dormitory a "city". Officials were elected the first day. Campaigning for the top political slot of governor then began in earnest. Willie Joe Wydman of Greenville narrowly edged out Christine Smith.

Youth Services State Director Grady A. Decell said he was delighted with the professional manner in which the participants conducted themselves. "The governmental units they organized will



Campaigners from Willow Lane "County" whoop it up for their candidate for Secretary of State

be maintained and their elected officials will be permitted to represent the views of their 665 constituents."

"These young people showed that they can be as patriotic, as loyal, as dedicated as any of their peers," Fleming said. "They deserve a second chance."

Pendarvis said he now has a successful model program he will present at the National Boys State Workshop in Indianapolis in October.

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Smith Talks Jobs With Labor Secy.

National Commander Robert Charles Smith has met with Secretary of Labor F. Ray Marshall to express his concern about high veteran unemployment, suggesting penalties for companies with federal contracts of \$10,000 or more who violate the Mandatory Job Listing and Affirmative Action program for disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam era. He called for a better monitoring system for the program.

Smith also told Marshall that older veterans also have a serious job problem. Citing the President's goal of 35 per cent veteran participation in public service job programs under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA), Smith has stated that at no time since its inception "have veterans been placed in CETA job training programs or in CETA-financed public service jobs in proportion to their rate of unemployment or their numbers in population to be served."

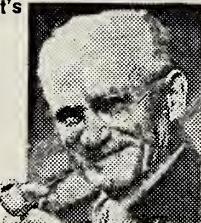
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Legion Legislative Calendar

During the 1st session of the 95th Congress, more than 200 public bills became law, 52 of which satisfied—in part or whole—American Legion resolutions. The Legion presented 61 statements to 43 congressional committees on many of the issues that eventually reached the President's desk. The following is a summary of Legion-endorsed legislation:

Child Welfare—Omnibus child welfare measure enacted streamlining adoption process and strengthening existing child abuse prevention and treatment program; Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 strengthened and extended 3 years; child nutrition law passed extending summer food service program 3 years; new school immunization program funded; Thanksgiving Week named "National Family Week."

Economic Stimulus—Tax reform law extends sick pay exclusion to military retirees receiving military disability retirement benefits; \$7.9 billion to increase CETA public service jobs from 310,000 to 725,000; \$1.5 billion to create 203,000 jobs for young people; Department of Energy cabinet position created; 600,000 construction industry jobs created by \$6 billion federal grants for local public works; CETA programs extended through FY 78.

Foreign Affairs—New law prohibiting U.S. aid to nations harboring international terrorists also directs U.S. international bank officials to vote against loans to certain nations violating human rights; financial aid to Vietnam conditioned by assessment of its cooperation in MIA accounting; funding to Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty to construct new radio transmission facilities; Congress must be consulted before troops withdrawn from Korea.

Domestic Affairs—Funding authorized to improve U.S. Arizona Memorial area at Pearl Harbor; Clean Air Act of 1970 amended to provide more state authority in setting air quality standards. Coupled with temporarily relaxed federal standards, amendment aids economics in some underdeveloped areas.

Military Affairs—FY 78 major weapons systems funding appropriated less the B-1 bomber; Army strength level established at 787,000; Senate legislation to bar military unions approved; President's draft evader pardon program funding voted down; NASA authorized \$4.05 billion in FY 78; Coast Guard's FY 78 authorization is \$1.2 billion.

Veterans Affairs—6.6% hike in service-connected compensation and dependency and indemnity benefits for veterans and their survivors; \$15 million for construction and renovation of state veterans' homes over next 2 years; auto assistance allowance for disabled WW I veterans; blanket veterans benefits denied for certain upgraded discharges (Discharge Review Board must rule on each case); VA doctors, dentists get pay schedule improvements and incentive bonuses; GI Bill Improvement Act of 1977 modernizes program (see story this issue).

Major Appropriations Bills—HUD-Independent Agency funding includes \$20 billion for VA; State, Justice, Commerce funding includes funds to Immigration & Naturalization Service to create 400+ new positions in border patrols to curb illegal alien entry; Agriculture funding includes funds for many nutrition programs.

Pending Legislation (conference action incomplete as of publication deadline)—**Child pornography**: bill makes federal offense of using children under 16 in production of pornographic films, books, magazines, etc., and increases federal penalties for mailing, importing or transporting such materials.

Energy: 5 major areas to be included in new national energy program—coal conversion, energy conservation, natural gas, electric utility rate reform and energy taxes. **Labor-HEW Appropriations**: Bill prohibits FY 78 funds pertaining to illegal aliens, increases money to combat venereal disease, increases funds to implement President's Vietnam veteran employment program.

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Charles Young as a West Point cadet in 1888 and later as a colonel in the U.S. Army. At right is the late Dorie Miller, first hero of World War II who won the Navy Cross for bravery at Pearl Harbor

Pick a Name; It's Young In The American Legion

The most popular name among American Legion posts is that of an 1889 graduate of West Point, Col. Charles Young.

A recent survey shows that 16 predominantly black posts are named in honor of Col. Young, who served in the Mexican campaign against Pancho Villa and was noted early in this century as an outstanding adviser and organizer of the armed forces in the African Republic of Liberia where he served as U. S. military attaché.

Following in the order of Legionnaires' preference are U. S. Presidents: John F. Kennedy, with 15 posts; Abraham Lincoln, with 13; Theodore Roosevelt with 12 and, Franklin D. Roosevelt, nine.

George Washington Carver, the agricultural research scientist and educator, also has nine predominantly black posts in his memory.

A courageous act aboard the *USS West Virginia* during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941 brought honor to a black mess attendant from Waco, TX, Dorie Miller, whose name is revered by seven posts. Miller, one of the first heroes of World War II to receive the Navy Cross, is officially credited with shooting down two Japanese planes when the deck officer was wounded and unable to fire his machine guns on the strafing enemy craft. Miller went on to serve until late 1943 when he went down in the Pacific with most of the 700-man crew in the torpedoing of the aircraft carrier, *Liscome Bay*.

Seven other predominantly black posts bear the name of Crispus Attucks, a 47-year old runaway slave from Framingham, MA who on March 5, 1770, was the first black American to die in the conflict between colonist and grenadier. He may have been among the small band of patriots who touched off the Boston Massacre that Daniel Webster said launched the American Revolution. Attucks joined a group of 20 to 30 colonists engaging the British and struck at them with a long cord

wood stick. Two grenadiers were killed. Attucks and four white colonists were killed in the melee. Crispus Attucks rests in a common grave with the four white colonists in Boston's Granary Burying Ground.

The only woman on the Legion's "top 20" list is Jane Delano, a Chairman of Red Cross Nurses, who died in World War I. Seven posts, made up mostly of nurses, are named for her. Fourteen posts are named "Memorial;" 10 are called "Federal;" 10 are named "Community;" there are nine "Victory" posts; eight "Navy" and eight "Argonne;" seven "Business and Professional" and six "Veterans" posts.

Col. Young was the third member of his race to be graduated from West Point, the only one from 1889 to 1936.

Showing extreme perseverance in the face of many natural handicaps, in his final year his class acknowledged and respected his traits of character. He was tutored by George Washington Goethals (later of Panama Canal fame) who was an instructor at that time. Young was graduated as a member of the class of 1889.

Upon graduation, Second Lt. Young was assigned to the 10th Cavalry, and most of his subsequent service of 28 years was with black troops—the 25th Infantry and the 9th Cavalry.

In 1917 he was ordered before the medical board as the AEF was preparing to mobilize. He had high blood pressure, was retired on medical disability, allowed to re-enlist and promoted to full colonel. In 1919 he returned to Monrovia at the request of the Liberian Government, where he died in 1922. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Popular post names

Col. Charles Young (16), John F. Kennedy (15), Memorial (14), Abraham Lincoln (13), Theodore Roosevelt (12), Community (10), Federal (10), Franklin D. Roosevelt (9), Victory (9), George Washington Carver (9), Navy (and/or Naval) (8), Argonne (8), Dorie Miller (7), Jane Delano (7), Business and Professional (7), Crispus Attucks (7), Veterans (6), Gen. John J. Pershing (6), Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower (6), Gen. Douglas MacArthur (5).

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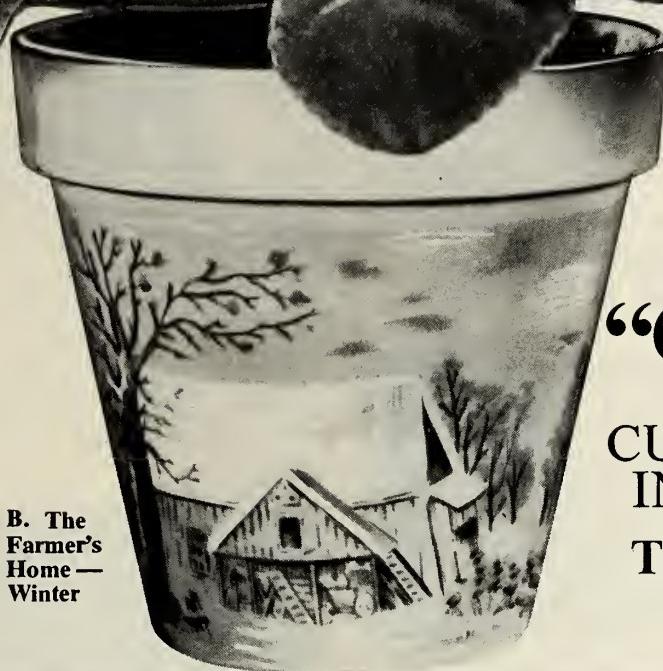
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10 of the 11 surviving members of the Clearfield American Legion band that represented Pennsylvania at the international Legion convention in Paris in 1927 were guests of John Lewis Shade Post 6 at a golden anniversary banquet. Seated, from left, are: R. Curtis Smith, Lewis Bierly, Anthony Errigo, Charles McKendrick and Frank Cole. Back row: Max F. Smith, Don Kiel, Karl Hoffman, Clair Ogden and Irvin Shaw



Peter Murby (right), who tossed out the game ball, is welcomed by Cdr. Paul Higgins (center), Lt. Chester A. Bearse Post 405, Raynham, MA, and Tommy Williams at post-sponsored softball game that raised \$1,589.00 for the "Jimmy Fund" to combat cancer in children.

POSTS IN ACTION



Cdr. Ronald Strayer (right), Post 14, St. Petersburg, FL, presents an American flag to Mayor Corinne Freeman. The flag now flies over the new Jamestown, FL Community Center.



Charles E. Sherman Post 36, Boothbay Harbor, ME has honored the only living charter members of its post and auxiliary, Harold and Angie Dodge. Harold is a past post commander and his wife of 60 years is past auxiliary president.



Post Cdr. Ora F. Roberts, left, presents Long Branch (NJ) Post 44, 11th annual \$500 scholarship to Mrs. Jane Ging, a Brookdale Community College nursing student. Looking on at right are Felix N. Pilla, executive director of Monmouth Medical Center where the nursing students receive their clinical training, and Mrs. Delores Yaros, director of nursing at Brookdale.



Celebrating 129 new members in two months, Post 1, Balboa, Canal Zone treated itself to a moonlight cruise, dinner and dancing aboard the "Fantasia". Giving a hearty "welcome aboard" to 600 Legionnaires and their guests are, left to right: Panama Dept. Cdr. and Mrs. Robert McGuinness, Dept. Adj. (Post 1 Cdr.) William Udeh, Dept. Vice-Cdr. "Papa" Doc MacIntyre and Post Chaplain Richard Wilde.



NC Dept. Cdr. Max Robinson (right) extended southern hospitality to a contingent of Legionnaires from Post 612, St. Thomas, PA for the NC-Penn State football game. PA Dept. Cdr. Gene Eichelberger (left) had reason to smile. Penn State won, 21-17.

Seven college scholarship winners and their parents were guests of honor of Post 284, Colonial Heights, VA. The \$200 scholarships are awarded by Post 284, Auxiliary Unit 284, and Voiture 1530, Forty and Eight.



Mrs. Edna Locke, an American Legion Auxiliary volunteer in Bay Pines, FL, receives a 29,000-hour gold service bar from VA Center Director James F. Haile. Mrs. Locke has been a volunteer at the Center since 1945, currently is Chaplain and recreation volunteer.

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Oklahoma's Younger Is January Legionnaire

Ralph A. Younger of Carson-Wilson Post 1, Tulsa, OK is the Legionnaire of the Month for January. A WW II Navy veteran who served three years in the Southwest Pacific, Legionnaire Younger has twice been his post's commander. Last year he was personally responsible for 215 new members, 21 renewals and 194 reinstatements.

An avid boxing enthusiast and a member of Oklahoma's Boxing Hall of Fame, Younger was responsible for establishing a local boxing program where he coaches regularly. He is also actively involved in the Oklahoma American Legion Children's Home. He has set up Christmas shopping programs for the residents, trips to the Oklahoma Senate and provided funds for equipment at the Home School.

Legionnaire Younger is one who truly gives of himself. He has donated nearly 10 gallons of blood to the Veterans in Oklahoma blood program. The American Legion Magazine salutes Ralph A. Younger for his service to The American Legion, his community, and the youth of Oklahoma.

TAPS

Sen. John L. McClellan (D-AR) died Nov. 28 at age 81. A veteran of both World Wars, McClellan was a member of Post 45, Camden, AR. A senator since 1943, he headed the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Howard E. Lohman, National Vice Commander (1968-69) passed away. Prior to this office, Mr. Lohman was elected Minnesota Dept. Cdr. (1963-65), served as Vice Chairman of the National Publications Commission, and at his death, consultant to the National Internal Affairs Commission.

Karl P. Conradi, 70, Past Dept. Cdr. of GA (1968-69) and Past Dept. Chaplain (1962-66) died Oct. 1 at Thomasville. Mr. Conradi was a member of Post 31, Thomasville, GA, and served in all offices of District 2.

J. Leo Ash, Past Dept. Cdr. (1951-52) passed away in Nottingham, MA, Aug. 18. Mr. Ash was a member of Post 303, Swansea, MA.

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The South Carolina State Agency of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Advisory Board of the Greenville Vocational Rehabilitation Center has dedicated the E. Roy Stone, Jr. Building on the 50th anniversary of the SC Agency, which Stone chairs. Stone (left), NECman from South Carolina, also chairs the NEC Subcommittee on Resolutions and serves on the National Commander's Advisory Committee.

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Pension Reform Plan Due

posals contain automatic cost-of-living increases for people with fixed incomes. Benefits would not be reduced, however, by increases in Social Security or other retirement. Part of Cranston's proposal calls for annual automatic benefit increases at the same percentage rate and at the same time Social Security benefits are raised.

Other features of the Cranston proposal, subject to discussion and modification, are:

- Increased pension for dependents
- Increases in aid and attendance and housebound allowances
- More favorable annual income exclusion provisions

NEC Correction

In the December 1977 issue we incorrectly identified Robert E. Cockrill as the current NECman from Arizona. Mr. Cockrill is immediate past NECman for the Department. The 1976-78 NECman is Ronald C. Murphy, Jr., a past Dept. commander from Glendale. Murphy, a member of Post 29, is Assist. Superintendent of the Glendale School District.



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Who? What? Where?

Robert Barrons, Box 571, Cadillac, MI 49601, would like to hear from any ex-POW at Nien-droff in 1944-45.

William D. Thompson, Box 4, Mantorville, MN 55955, would like to contact anyone who served with the 312 General Hospital on Luzon in the Philippines.

Edmund H. Dennis, 2323 Ramblewood Dr., District Heights, MD 20282, would like to contact members of the USS TWIGGS which was sunk off Okinawa in 1945.

James F. Williams, 713 Briarell Rd., Rock Hill, SC 29730, would like to contact 1950-51 members of 4th Inf. Div., 48th F.A. Bn-A.

Caroline Thompson, 404 W. Rings, West Unity, OH 43570, would like to hear from anyone who served with her father, Paul P. Theobald, 148 Ambulance Co., 112 Fn. Tn., in Meuse Argonne, France in 1918.

Ivan J. Gill, 201 W. Bland, Roswell, NM 88201, would like to hear from anyone who remembers his uncle, Ray Carper, stationed in the Navy in San Diego in 1918.

The East Dubuque, IL, VFW Drum and Bugle Corps needs WW I white leggings for their uniforms. Write William Kemp, Box 81, East Dubuque, IL 61025.

Mrs. Stanley Wieczorek, 1924 Atmore Dr., Dellwood, MO 63138, has WW II pictures of USS CHIWAWA (AKA68) to give to former shipmates of her husband.

Milton C. Jones, 757 E. 16th St., Houston, TX 77008, would like to hear from former crew members of USS SHAWMUT (1921).

Michael Schneider, 8439 S. E. 8th Ave., Portland, OR 97401, would like to hear from persons stationed on island of Injibee, Eniwetok Atoll during WW II with GROPAC 7.

George W. Russell, 6363 Gulf Winds Dr., St. Petersburg Beach, FL 33706, would like to hear from anyone having served with the original military mission to Padua, Italy from Feb. to May, 1918.

James C. Hayron, Suite 513, Nashville Bank and Trust Co., Nashville, TN 37201, would like to contact former friends stationed with him in WW II.

Bob Cronan, 14 School St., Millbury, MA 01527, would like to hear from former shipmates of USS CENTAURUS (AKA 17) during WW II.

Paul R. Hamilton, 3817 Woodland Dr., Columbia, MO 65201, would like to hear from participants in the parade honoring the return of Charles Lindbergh to St. Louis, June 18, 1927.

Mike Strenger, 16 Dennis Ave., Wahroonga, NSW 2076, Australia, would like to hear from other members of the former Polish Air Force who trained at Windsor, Ontario and later fought in Europe in WW II.

M. L. Merriman, 305 E. Pear, Centralia, WA 98531, is looking for a book on the history of the 4th Repair Sq., 4th Air Depot Gp., 5th AF, during WW II. Would like to hear from members of the orgn.

Jeffrey E. Geiger, 969 East 106th St., Brooklyn, NY 11236, would like to hear from veterans who served in Blois, France during WW I, for research project.

Al J. Lake, Guttenberg, IA 52052, would like to hear from former members of Photo Div., 35th Bn, Signal Corps, quartered in Pathe Chateau, Vincennes, Paris, France during WW I.

John L. Cressman, 15 W. Carpenter Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19119, would like to hear from anyone serving in the 86th Aero Sq., stationed at Bar Le Due, France in WW I.

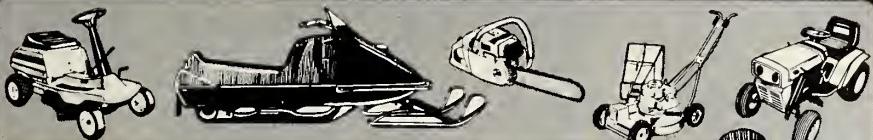
Charles Furness, Rt. 1, Amanda, OH 43102, wants to contact former members of 161st Flt Sq., or 161st Tac. Rec. Sq., 363rd Ftr Gp., serving in Europe in WW II.

Robert Seeger, 14 Pleasant St., Whitesboro, NY 13492 would like to hear from former resident engineers in China in WW II.

Rev. and Mrs. David Horton of Memphis, TN recently established a scholarship fund at Lincoln Memorial University in memory of the late Sgt. Alvin C. York of Pall Mall, TN. Anyone wishing to contribute to York Memorial Scholarship Fund may write c/o Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, TN 37752.

Claude Thompson, Crystal Ave., Danville, VT 05828, wonders if there is an organizational reunion of the 20th Armored Div., or the 412th AFA Bn.

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The North Dakota American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame's newest inductees were installed at ceremonies in Fargo. Pictured left to right: Director of American Legion Baseball, native North Dakotan **George Rulon**; Mrs. Eleanor Brenno accepting for her son **Wesley Craig Brenno**, an all-star Legion pitcher awarded a posthumous Silver Star for gallantry in Vietnam; Clifford C. Day representing the late Department Athletic Chairman, noted educator and coach **Nathan Cummings**; Ed Fitzgerald accepting for his late father, Fargo sportswriter **Eugene Fitzgerald**; and Rudy Maris representing his son, former NY Yankee homerun king **Roger Maris** who was unable to attend

Polen Retires; LaGrange Named National Treasurer

Webber LaGrange, a vice president of American Fletcher National Bank in Indianapolis, has been named National Treasurer of The American Legion effective Jan. 31, 1978. He succeeds William Francis Polen who retires after nearly 20 years, the longest anyone has held the post.

LaGrange was named to the fiscal post by National Commander Robert Charles Smith and approved by the National Executive Committee at the October meeting. LaGrange, a native of Franklin, IN, is a WW II Navy veteran. He has been an active Legionnaire since 1945, serving Franklin Post 205 in all elective offices including post commander. He was Indiana Dept. vice commander in 1968.

"Fran" Polen, also a native Hoosier, recently retired as president of the Peoples Bank & Trust Company in Indianapolis with which he was associated for more than 50 years. A WW II Army veteran, Polen also held many post and district Legion offices in Indiana. He was appointed national treasurer Oct. 8, 1958 and has served the national organization in many financial management roles.

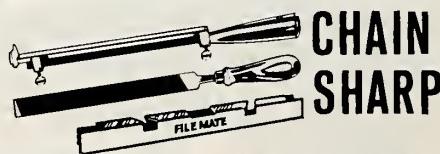
He and his wife Jeanette will continue to reside in Indianapolis.

Smith Urges Support For Auxiliary's Dystrophy Fight

National Cdr. Robert Charles Smith is encouraging all posts to join with the American Legion Auxiliary to support President Mrs. Alvin Moltzen's "Fight Against Muscular Dystrophy". Calling the Auxiliary project a "most timely

effort dedicated to finding the cause and prevention of this crippling disease", Smith applauded the Auxiliary's year long project which will culminate in participation and check presentation during the nationally televised Jerry Lewis Telethon on Labor Day 1978.

Cdr. Smith suggests that posts provide speakers for joint Legion/Auxiliary meetings, assist in the physical labor related to fund raising projects, and participate in manning local TV station telephones during the Labor Day telethon.



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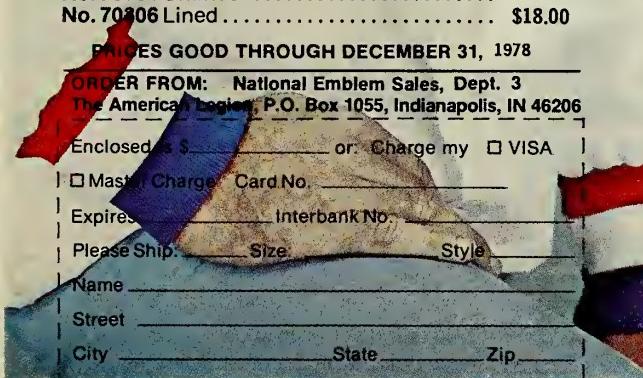


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J. Bronson Holditch, Arthur Horton, George Horton, Ruben Houghton, Edward Houlihan, Richard Humiston (all 1977) Post 132, Orange, CA

Toribio Rosal (1977) Post 798, Stockton, CA
George Motuzick (1977) Post 96, W. Hartford, CT

John Dziadula, Henry Mayer (both 1978) Post 111, Woodstock, CT
Edgar Martin, Nels Frid, Carl Rodenbaugh, Ray Smith (all 1977) Post 19, Orlando, FL

Charles Maurer, A. L. McDonald, Carl Osterman (all 1977) Eric Scott (1976) Ernest Wagner (1975) Post 82, Ft. Wayne, IN

Howard Box (1970) R. E. Lee Aldrich, Jr., Clarence Gordon, Ellis Markham (all 1977) Post 159, Rowan, IA

Nute Blue, George Henry, John Palmer, Jim Callahan (all 1977) Post 175, Metairie, LA
Philip H. Thiele (1978) Post 566, Memphis, MI

Ida Stevens (1977) Post 21, Concord, NH
George Leach (1977) Post 71, Camden, NJ

Francis Timko (1969) Post 93, Trenton, NJ
Dominic Cavaliere, Edward Kuhn, Marcel Govin (all 1977) Post 267, Haledon, NJ

Nick Soulias, John Lubowiecki (both 1975)
Max Dorfman (1977) Post 435, Edison, NJ
Charles Pluckrose, Leon Nadeau, Sr. (both 1977) Post 476, Cohoes, NY

Howard Boasi (1977) Post 1202, N. Bayshore, NY
Harry Foy, Jr. (1977) Robert Harrington (1976) Post 1443, Greenwood Lake, NY

Lonnie Albright, Walter Beaver, W. L. Caudle, Roy Clark, Al Cumbie (all 1976) Post 53, Greensboro, NC
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ARMY

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71st Div, 14th Inf, Co D—(Apr) Murray Smith, 18110 E. 3rd, Tulsa, OK 74108
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455th Serv Sqd (81st Depot Gp)—(Apr) Marshall Speakman, 3733 Gondar Ave., Long Beach, CA 90808

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Readers who can help these veterans are urged to do so. Usually a statement is needed in support of a VA claim.

Notices are run only at the request of American Legion Service Officers representing claimants, using Search For Witness Forms available only from State Legion Service Officers. Please contact CID #16, The American Legion Magazine, 1608 "K" Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006.

2nd Mar Div—Need to hear from comrades who recall James Devereaux Ferriter was struck by shrapnel in his right leg while stationed at Peilieu Paau Islands between Sept-Nov 1945. Please contact CID 425.

Army Recruiting Office—Need information from anyone who remembers Ronald E. Miedel was sworn in the Army as Capt. by a Major and a Sgt. at 401 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA Sept. 9, 1961. Please contact CID 426.

1956 All-Army Wrestling Team—Need to hear from comrades who recall Richard Eugene White Jr. received injuries to his neck, shoulders, back, spine, hips and knees while stationed at MP Barracks, Ft. Dix, New Jersey, Feb-Apr 1956. Please contact CID 427.

Pan Mun Jom, Korea—Need information from anyone who remembers Juan R. Marryjo caught his hand in the breech of a 105 Howitzer while stationed at Pan Mun Jom, Nov. 1951. Please contact CID 428.

329th ASG 2494th QM Truck Co—Need to hear from comrades who recall William F. Keagy injured his back while stationed at Jorhat Assam, India, July 1945. Please contact CID 429.

Weapons Co, 5th Regt, Tank #105—Need information from anyone who remembers Johnnie Johnson was injured in his right arm and shoulder by a near-miss of artillery fire while stationed at Okinawa, June 1-15, 1945. Please contact CID 431.

9201st WAC TC Det 19—Need to hear from comrades who recall Gloria L. Snook fell from a jeep while stationed at Camp Shanks, NY, Nov-Dec 1945. Please contact CID 432.

522nd Inf Bn—Need information from anyone who remembers Joseph G. LeBlanc slipped and injured his left foot while stationed at Camp Chaffee, AR, Fld Wireman School, Feb-Mar 1954. Please contact CID 433.

13th Constabulary Sqd—Need to hear from comrades who recall Arthur D. Lullo struck a cycle head on while driving a jeep on patrol stationed at Germany in April 1946. Please contact CID 434.

Signal Corp Supply, 4th Mar Div—Need information from anyone who remembers Walter R. Carpenter injured his back while lifting heavy communication equipment, and was hypnotized for relief of pain when stationed at Maui, HI, Jan-Feb 1945. Please contact CID 435.

Fr. Benning, GA—Need to hear from comrades who recall Paul Douglas Souza injured his back in a qualifying jump at Airborne School, Oct. 22, 1964. Please contact CID 436.

Wiles at Meeting

Past National Commander Harry G. Wiles participated in the 1977 Annual Meeting of The Association of the United States Army (AUSA) in Washington, D.C. Wiles is a member of AUSA's National Resolutions Comm.



Marine Sgt. Maj. Frank Turse (ret.), assistant vice president of the Philadelphia Fidelity Bank, displays the historic colors of his city's Marine Barracks. The colors were loaned to Fidelity for safekeeping and display following permanent closing of the Barracks, founded in 1798.

NEW POSTS

U.S. Navy Marine Center Post No. 97, Phoenix, AZ; Point Loma Post No. 312, San Diego, CA; Ocean View Post No. 21, Captain Cook, HI; Mililani Post No. 56, Mililani Town, HI; Lou's Sports Post No. 2222, Springfield, IL; Long Beach Post No. 83, Long Beach, MS; USAFIP Northern Luzon Veterans World War Two Post No. 131, Sablan, Benguet, PI; Rajah Soliman Post No. 132, Macabebe, Pampanga, PI; Cy Weber Post No. 241, Milwaukee, WI.

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New Applications Approved	
Since January 1, 1977	3,954
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Letters to the Editor

SIR: Thank you for the November article on the WWI Navy and for recalling the 14-inch naval guns used on the western front. I was a pointer for Battery #1, firing 21 miles from Soissons at German rail yards around Laon. It was quite a story how Adm. Cy Plunkett got those guns to the front.

SEYMOUR B. MANY
Shreveport, LA

SIR: I have enjoyed recent references to Gen. Al Wedemeyer and his views. Why must "politics" always prevail over brilliant military brains such as the good general?

NORMAN A. DAVIS
Sunnymead, CA

SIR: At age 87 I find myself the oldest living past commander of Fort Wayne Post 47 and Lincoln Post 82, the oldest living Chef de Gare of Voiture 37 of the 40 & 8 Society and the voiture's only living charter member. It has been an honor and privilege to have served these great patriotic organizations.

P. T. HAAS
Fort Wayne, IN

SIR: Letter writers have referred to the "bonus" paid WWI veterans in the 1930's. It was not a bonus. It was an adjusted payment of \$1 for each day served. Base pay for a soldier in 1917 was \$30 a month. We did get a discharge bonus of \$60.

HUGH P. BENIS
Greensboro, VT

SIR: Historians no longer view the Battle of Hubbardston in 1777 (August issue) as a "crushing defeat." It is now viewed as one of the most successful rear guard actions against the British in the Revolution.

J. W. DUPAW
Rutland, VT

SIR: All younger vets should get behind World War I pension bills. We may need some help some day.

CHARLES L. BEACH
Colton, CA

SIR: Referring to recent comments on the World War II merchant marine, I remember Gen. Eisenhower once said: "When final victory is ours there is no organization that will share its credit more deservedly than the merchant marine!"

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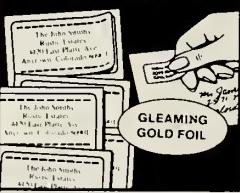
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Conflict and Crisis, The Presidency of Harry S. Truman 1945-1948, by Robert J. Donovan, W. W. Norton and Co. Inc., NY, NY, 439 pp., \$12.95.

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The Rand McNally Encyclopedia of World War II, general editor John Keegan, Rand McNally & Co., Chicago, IL, 256 pp., \$19.95.

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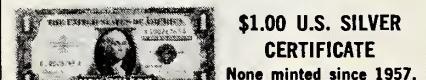


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Winter Fishing Up North



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Where the lakes remain open and the temperatures mild, they do not vary greatly. But on lakes that freeze over, the angler must fish through the ice. With a hatchet or one of the special ice-cutting tools available to the ice-fishermen, he cuts a circular hole in the ice. At the edge of the hole he fastens in the ice a tip-up, which is a device with a spring-loaded red flag. He fishes with a drop-line, lowering his hook baited with a worm, minnow or chunk of fish, to the bottom of the lake. Then he inserts his line into the trigger of the tip-up. When a fish takes the bait, its tug pulls the trigger which releases the spring to which the red flag is attached. The flag jumps erect to a position about two feet above the ice hole, notifying the angler that he has a fish. Most ice fishermen use several ice holes, a tip-up at each. Their warning red flags can easily be seen from a distance. When he has hooked a fish, he pulls it up hand-over-hand. In very cold weather, a crust of ice soon covers the ice hole. This is removed periodically with an ice skimmer which resembles a flattened sieve.

Instead of a baited hook, lure and a tip-up, some anglers use small feathered lures which they jig by hand near the bottom. Their darting motion and color attract the winter-hungry fish.

More comfortable to use in freezing weather is an ice-shanty, as common as a canoe or boat to serious ice-country fishermen. This is a small wooden home-made hut with no floor mounted on ski-like wooden runners. It is easily pushed out on the ice by one man, to a promising location where he cuts a hole in the ice inside the shanty. The same type of tip-up or feathered lure is used. For comfort he adds a kerosene stove for heat and a gasoline lantern for light. But with no light in the dark interior, through the hole the angler can actually see the fish at the bottom of the lake. If several anglers use the same shanty, they bring along a folding table on which to play cards when the fish aren't biting or which can be used to hold a gasoline stove for brewing coffee.

Through the ice an angler can catch panfish, pickerel, pike, also black bass in areas where there is no closed season on this species.

Hardy saltwater fishermen of the

Northeastern states, who don't mind intense cold and freezing winds of the ocean, invest in the many available cold-resistant articles of apparel (such as battery-heated socks, down-filled vests and jackets and trousers, thermal underwear, etc.), and take party boats offshore to catch winter flounder and codfish on drop-lines and baited hooks.

No American angler, no matter how far he must travel for it, can call his fishing experience complete until he has braved the winter cold and the piercing winds to pit his skill and stamina against the wary fish of the cold climates of our country. But all novices to northern fishing, please note a vital and too often overlooked safety factor (even by veteran ice-anglers): Never wear gloves. When wet in low temperatures, gloves are not merely uncomfortable but also tend to freeze quickly and dangerously. Bare hands, although wet and cold, can be dried and warmed in the pocket of a heavy parka or jacket.

WHEN fishing from a small boat or canoe in rough water, it's wise to tie a heavy piece of nylon line from the life preserver to a hole in your jacket, advises H. Miller of Oroville, CA. Then, should you happen to fall overboard, you can easily pull the life preserver to you.

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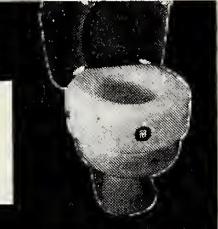
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Boston's Ancient Mariner

years in Belgium . . . a prisoner of war . . . by the Germans."

The year 1945 was a peak year for wounded returning from Europe and the Immigration Service had time to do nothing but file manifests of ships arriving in Boston.

The patient was asked, for the first time since he had been admitted to the hospital, to write his name. In a wavering hand he wrote "Charles W. Jamison" changing the middle initial from "A" to "W" and putting an "I" in his last name where there had been assumed to be an "E."

At once a search was made of all the birth records for the state of Massachusetts for the year 1895 and, just to be certain, back further to 1885. Nothing.

A thorough search also was made for a ship registered under the name of the *Cutty Sark*. None could be found since 1900. Then there was the question of the last line scribbled on the manifest about Jamison having been a prisoner of war.

What records were available of the prisoner of war camps were searched. Nothing.

Then one day in January 1955, after months of gentle probing for any clue bearing on himself, he suddenly came up with some startling information.

"I was wounded on the *Hinemoa*," he said. "She was a sailing ship and

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The Lost Battalion

Alexander, commanding the 77th, arrived, asking for Whittlesey. The major was down the hill handing out food to his men.

"Shall I get him for you?" a soldier asked the general.

"By no means, I'll go to him," replied the general.

When he met the major, he announced simply that Whittlesey was now a lieutenant colonel. The men of the 308th cheered.

Whittlesey received the Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award, and Gen. John J. Pershing's commendation as "one of three outstanding heroes of the A.E.F." A pacifist at heart, Whittlesey took a boat from New York City to Cuba in 1921, and, after sitting a bit late in the saloon, jumped over the rail.

Four other members of the 308th received Congressional Medals for their heroism with the "Lost Battalion." They were Capt. George G. McMurtry, Capt. Nelson M. Holderman, 2nd Lt. Harold E. Goettler and 2nd Lt. Erwin R. Bleckley. The latter

I was mate. We were carrying nitrates from Chile to England and met with a German cruiser in the Atlantic. We were sunk."

The idea of a sailing ship in World War II seemed like the vague ramblings caused by a distorted memory, yet, a check on the Merchant Registry did reveal a *Hinemoa*. Unfortunately, she was a small ship of 600 tons that carried freight and passengers around the islands of New Zealand. Her complete crew lists showed no one whose description resembled Jamison. Besides, the *Hinemoa* had never been under fire and had never left the New Zealand islands since her maiden voyage from the shipyards in England.

But just when the clue was being laid to rest, another *Hinemoa* was found. This was, indeed, a sailing ship which had been sunk in the English Channel by a German submarine early in the war. Old crew lists were scanned and every man who had been on board during the *Hinemoa*'s last voyage was traced but none matched the description.

A crew list was shown to him and he studied it carefully. There was no hint of recognition as he pored over the names. He started to speak a couple of times with the word "I", then gave up and let the old phrase come out: "I don't know."

And so he died. And 100 men and women came to mourn a man no one knew. Who was he?

—James Hammond

two received the Medals posthumously. Their plane was shot down trying to supply the "Lost Battalion."

The 77th Division was a proud outfit, wearing the Statue of Liberty. It was engaged in four major World War I campaigns: Amiens in northern France with the British Army, Alsace-Lorraine, Château-Thierry and the Argonne forest.

"The 308th was trapped in a ravine and encircled by German soldiers," Bienstock, at 82, recalls. "The Germans had been in this area for three years and knew it well. We were outnumbered and out-maneuvered."

"Because our supply company never reached us, we had no food, no blankets, and, most important, no ammunition. After five days in this trap only 194 of us survived. Fortunately, I am one of the survivors to tell this story."

Bienstock is a past commander of the 308th Infantry Post, The American Legion, New York City, which admitted only those who had served with the 308th. It is one of the oldest posts in The American Legion, organized in 1919. Today it has 100 active members.

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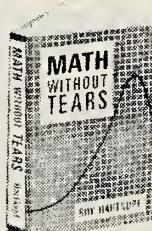
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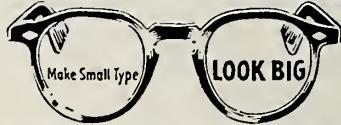
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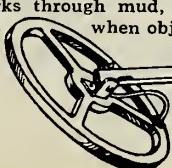
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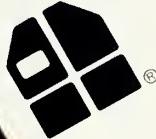
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Brown man-made Reptile Grain

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Color/Style How Many What Size

Brown Executive Boot

Black Plain-Toe Loafer

Brown Two-Tone Loafer

Brown Side Buckle Slip-on

Black Reptile grain Loafer

Brown Reptile Grain Loafer

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